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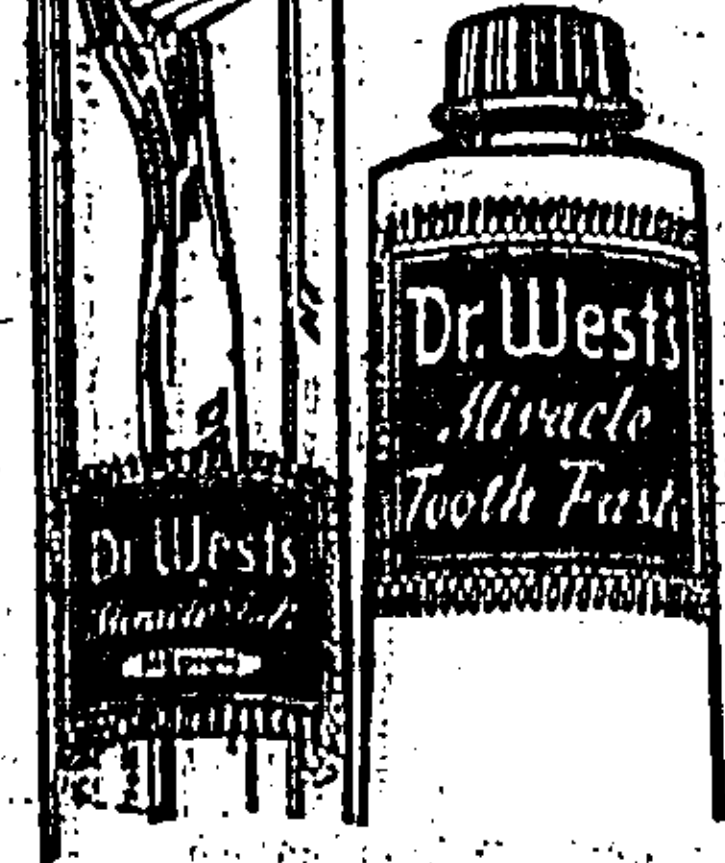
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Court Sequel To Tragical Wing On Godown Fire

The disastrous Wing On Godown fire on September 22, 1948, in which over 100 were burned to death, was recalled at Central yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

The occasion was the hearing of two summonses against Kwok Lam-po and Wilkie Lum, Managing Director and Director, respectively, of Wing On and Co., Ltd.

General Ho In Macao

General Ho Ying-chin, former Premier and Defence Minister of China, arrived in Macao on Monday, according to vernacular reports last night.

He was accompanied by General Tang Lung-kwong, Pacification Commander for Kwangtung, and Vice-Admiral Yang Yuan-chung, Commander of the Fourth Naval Base.

General Ho declined to see the Press. His only statement was that he is on a tour to Chungshan District.

Personalia

Passengers who arrived from the United Kingdom yesterday by the BOAC were: Mr. M. King, Miss E. M. King, Mr. D. O. Tebbutt, Miss E. D. P. Oldman, Captain E. W. Ruston, Lieutenant Colonel R. C. Symonds, Major D. C. F. Chute and Mr. J. R. Clube.

Two passengers arrived here yesterday from Bangkok by the American Airways. They were: Mr. Milton Mann and Mr. Marion Jamieson.

Yesterday's air arrivals from Canton yesterday by the Hong Kong Airways were: Reverend J. S. Palski, Mrs. L. R. Allen and Mr. J. C. Smith.

Mr. O. R. Manill, Secretary of the International YMCA, will address the Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong on Thursday at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel. His subject will be "Behind the Headlines".

Among the passengers who left for South Africa and South America yesterday by the ss. Tegelberg were: Mrs. E. B. Burch, Mrs. A. L. Burch, Miss P. Burch, Mrs. Durup, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Howard, Mr. N. Karpovich, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. May, Mr. P. A. Moss, Mr. F. Ozorio, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Park, Miss C. Sully, Mr. M. de Litz Teixeira, Mr. A. Thibaut, Mr. C. Tulling, Dr. G. Vamus, Mrs. Y. H. Hatten, Mr. F. Y. Gellion and Mr. C. W. Alden.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included General and Mrs. E. K. Moy, Mrs. G. S. Frank, Mrs. S. C. Dashiell, Mrs. H. L. Wong, R. Sepp, K. Puri, J. V. Verran, E. R. Morgan, J. J. G. Hay, B. J. H. Deventry, M. M. Phillips, L. R. Mullin, A. J. Adey, F. Redshaw, W. L. Harris, T. H. Chow, P. K. Mel, R. J. Head, V. E. Saunders, and W. J. Wingfield.

Among the arrivals on Monday at the Peninsula Hotel were Mrs. A. E. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Vailles, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Kroll, Messrs. F. Young, B. K. Nagel, C. Hubby, J. Scott, A. B. Khar, D. Zeland, R. J. Buchanan, D. Sheridan, H. L. Buchanan, J. A. Uim, F. E. Proust, D. Osborne, and A. E. Allen.

Ballroom Manager Answers Summons

Li Choi-fat, manager of the Ritz Ballroom, came before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday to answer a summons for allegedly obstructing police officers in the execution of their duties.

A charge of assaulting police officers was withdrawn.

Li was represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by C. A. S. Russ and Stewart and Company.

The prosecutor was Superintendent R. E. Clunne. In examination-in-chief, Li revealed that he had written a letter to Superintendent A. H. Elston, Police Headquarters, giving an account of an incident on July 19th last year, during the Beauty Contest at the Ritz.

The account, according to Li, was a true one. At about 8 p.m. on the day of the Beauty Contest, he said, a man named Chan came to his office wearing a khaki Hawaiian shirt and saying that he was from the Shaikwan Station.

Meanwhile a Chinese in grey clothes attempted to go up to the roof to see the parade, but was stopped by Li shouting to him to stop. The man replied with bad language, he said.

After some argument, the man and Chan left the premises. Three men, the Chinese in grey, Chan and one in uniform, returned and went into the lift.

Rocked Rickard. They demanded to see the manager. They said that during the parade on the afternoon of September 22nd last, Chan's pocket had been picked.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The food and fuel costs, compiled by the Labour Office, for the week ended June 12 are as follows:

Rice and Flour, 12 cwt.	\$4,870.
Vegetables, 10 cwt.	1,350.
Salt Cabbage, 20 cwt.	2,280.
Oil, 0.7 cwt.	1,520.
Meat, 0.2 cwt.	950.
Salt Fish, 0.3 cwt.	940.
Fish, 0.4 cwt.	1,290.
Pork, 0.3 cwt.	1,040.
Beans, 0.2 cwt.	1,040.
Beans-Curd, 14 pieces	700.
Total	\$18,010.

The average of the food and fuel figures for the period between June 4 to 25 is \$14,048.

The Tabulation Allowance for the month of July 1949, will therefore be: Daily-paid Workers: Males \$5.20 per day, Females \$2.55 per day, Males \$1.95 per day, Females \$1.00 per day. Monthly-paid Workers: Males \$90 per month, Females \$45.00 per month.

Hard To Say

Owing to the large number of employees who had died during the fire, it was hard to say who was actually to blame for the affair, but it appeared that Mr. Wilkie Lum, who was in charge of the godown, was responsible for seeing that the godown conformed to a small piece of regulation. Mr. Kwok, his immediate superior, was also responsible for seeing that the officers in charge of the godown were conversant with their jobs and their employees under them.

He asked the maximum penalty. Defendants pleading guilty, were represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada, C. Castro, K. C. and Mr. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kan.

In a submission that lasted an hour, Mr. d'Almada began with a brief history of both defendants. As General Manager, he said, Mr. Kwok had in fact nothing to do with the godown. Mr. Wilkie Lum, he maintained, had no dealings with goods going in or out of the godown.

One of one, Wong Tong, who had served the Company for 30 years and who was completely relied upon.

"Some statements I will make," Mr. d'Almada said, "will be exparative, but the fire was not started by the Wing On Fire Insurance and Report of the Commission."

Constantly referring to the Report, he submitted that neither of the defendants was to blame for the fire.

He cited passages from the Report mentioning that the Company had actually refused to store films on previous occasions. It had been said in court that Chinese characters were written on the drums, but these characters could have meant scrap rubber.

Owner Responsible. Mr. d'Almada went on to say that it was the responsibility of owners of storage goods to attach sealed labels to dangerous goods, and this duty was not discharged by them.

He also submitted that the drums were properly sealed with the application of one mentioned in the Report.

In the Report, no exact cause of the fire was given, and Defence Counsel maintained that film itself is a stable material.

Dealing with the penalty that should be imposed, Mr. d'Almada said that there was no connection between the damage done and the penalty to be dealt with.

He said that there was no criminal ingredient in this case, no negligence or guilty mind involved.

object of the penalty, he said, is to prevent recurrence of the nuisance and not punishment to the defendants. A heavy penalty would only make defendants recalcitrant.

Dealing with the question of license, Counsel contended that the Court had no jurisdiction to take these into consideration under the Magistrates' Ordinance.

Remarking that he was in full agreement with counsel on the question of penalty, the Magistrate said that in the present case defendants were technically responsible.

"We all know Wing On Co. Ltd. to be a respectable firm of long standing who by reason of this fire have come in for much publicity which might have been adverse to them."

He registered a conviction against the defendants.

YMCA Shows For Services. Adding to its programme of entertainment for the troops, the European YMCA announces a weekly stage show for the services, the first of which begins on Thursday.

Arranged by a group of stage players known as the "Harmless" the weekly presentation will be mainly for troops although members of the Association are welcome to take part on the stage or at the back of the audience.

The first show, which will be given by the "Harmless" on Thursday, will be a comedy sketch by the "Harmless" and a song by the "Harmless".

The second show, which will be given by the "Harmless" on Friday, will be a comedy sketch by the "Harmless" and a song by the "Harmless".

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Quarantine Authority

Sir,—The letter signed by "W" appearing in your issue of 24th inst. is very timely and I am of the opinion that a public statement by the Public Relations Officer clarifying the functions of the Quarantine Authority and letting hotel residents know just what service they have a right to expect from this Department would be most appropriate in view of the high-handed, almost dictatorial attitude which has characterized the conduct of this Department for the past several months.

Hotel residents, with a genuine grievance, are seeking information, and are entitled to it. The Quarantine Authority's office in the Hong Kong Bank Building with the intention of seeking advice only to have their attention drawn to a small piece of regulation which states that "Interviews will not be given to hotel residents wishing to make complaints, these must be in writing and will be investigated and a reply sent as soon as possible."

As even hotel residents are taxpayers who contribute towards the salary and emoluments, including possibly a quartering allowance, it seems to me that they have every right to consult the Quarantine Authority personally in case of need and not fobbed off with excuses. By authority that, "Interviews will not be given to hotel residents wishing to make complaints, these must be in writing and will be investigated and a reply sent as soon as possible."

I am instructed to inform you that the rent of \$108 per week for your room is correct, or else directed to write.

I recently made a cross-hatched journey to the exalted one's sanctum sanctorum just for the privilege of reading a scrap of paper attached to his door. I wonder whether the same treatment is meted out to the hotel owners who are not allowed to see the Quarantine Authority.

It should be very interesting to hear how many residents have written to the Quarantine Authority and have had either their complaints investigated or have received satisfactory replies to the complaints.

Last year I was extremely heartened when the new rules for hotel rooms fixed by the Quarantine Authority at that time were published. They were published, but as soon as the hotel owners protested, he withdrew the rules and then, after many months, a new set of rules was issued, bringing no benefit to residents, rather the reverse.

Why does the present Quarantine Authority do nothing to inspect the hotels to make sure that the residents who enjoy the privilege of the hotel owners are not being treated in this manner?

It should be made clear to this hotelier that the Government is not going to afford the luxury of taking their case to court, or of being taken there. It should be also made clear to him that he is a public servant paid by money tax, and that he is not to be treated as a private citizen.

He will not be concerned to seek and that although his dictatorial attitude may convince him that he is a superior being, the ratepayers expect civility and service, and not other hoteliers' have put up with enough for the past four years in hotel rooms and if ordinary courtesy cannot be had locally, I shall take my complaints to a higher court.

DISGUSTED RESIDENT.

Serviceman's Views.

Sir,—I would be grateful if you would publish a few comments from me as a National Serviceman, after reading your editorial of Tuesday the 20th.

I fall to see why Admiral Madden should give the Press or any civilian organization in Hong Kong any information whatsoever about the Military or Naval police or any other branch of the service. They have forfeited every right to be told anything.

During my short time in Hong Kong I have become convinced that the population of Hong Kong is concerned only with the amount of "hard cash" it makes and the profits of the various companies in which they are interested. What they are interested in is not the welfare of the Chinese population, their employees is just all right, their only interest is money making.

You and these "I was in Hong Kong" readers of yours no doubt will resent this.

Can you tell me why there is no T. A. Battalion full of enthusiastic Hong Kong civilians? Have you never heard of Little Britain's wartime Home Guard?

Think of the time you raised one! The "Harmless" and "Harmless" who were elected by free election in Britain in 1948 have completed their term of office. They are now in Hong Kong and are being trained by the British Army.

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It is beyond my understanding that the Europeans in Hong Kong can be so blind as to fail to see that they are bringing Communism into Hong Kong by their shocking indifference to conditions here.

Communism, when gone, Liberalism is all that is required. However, what else can be expected from a community which is too busy making money to care about the welfare of the people?

Why should they? Socialism Britain has sent its youth to protect them over-fed egotists. The thanks that government get are revealed in such editorial comments as yours.

In conclusion would you, in your own interest, remember that amongst the reinforcements recently arrived are many plumbers and carpenters. In Britain have realised such people are capable of other things... to Hong Kong no doubt they are still merely good cannon fodder.

It is going to be interesting if they does break out here last night. I wonder if you'll still be here to make cracks about ordinary working people... and their ability to run a country.

The writer of your editorial ought to be expected to expect Hong Kong to be given the pleasure of reading this.

SERVICEMAN.

Admiral Madden's Conference.

Sir,—As the staff correspondents of two London national dailies and an American news agency are attending Vice-Admiral Madden's Press conference on Sunday we consider your editorial on the subject today is unsound in fact, ill tempered in tone, and a disservice to newspapermen and their readers.

You say "Admiral Madden, in the best of our knowledge was not asked by the Press to give a conference." The conference was, in fact, the direct outcome of a number of requests by individual newspapermen for an interview. "China Mail" attended only because a formal invitation was received it cannot have been seeking authoritative comment on the blockade and the Amethyst situation with the enthusiasm displayed by other papers.

Secondly, the general feeling among reporters attending was that, in the present delicate situation and pending a government policy announcement, Vice-Admiral Madden was as frank and helpful as he could be.

Thirdly, the Admiral was much more explicit about the duties of naval vessels off the Yangtze than your inadequate quotation indicated.

Putting aside your petty taunts about "plumbers and carpenters" in the Cabinet we agree that greater frankness to the Press by Government and Service departments in general would be a service to the public.

But please do not let your anxiety to press home this point lead you into quite unjustified personal attacks without fulfilling the first duty of a newspaperman—checking the facts. If the "China Mail" does not want Press conferences it can always stay away from them.

FRANK GOLDSWORTHY, HESSELL HEDMAN, VICTOR HENDRICK.

Government Reform.

Sir,—It appears that Hong Kong residents enjoy (?) a peculiar form of representation when, as happened at the recent meeting of the Legislative Council wherein the motion presented for the abolition of the Municipal Council was adopted.

One Unofficial Member, the Hon. Dr. S. N. Chiu, ostensibly a representative of the Chinese people, can speak against the motion in the name of those he represents and yet vote in support of the motion.

Who was the Hon. Dr. S. N. Chiu representing when he voted? Himself, in which case his views are of no more value than yours or mine, or the Chinese people who have plainly said that they distrust him? No wonder His Excellency the Governor said that he was mystified. Who would not be? Yet this Legislative Council member is entitled at that time to be presumably, be forwarded to London as the "Plan of the Hong Kong People."

Pardon me if I say that this smells very much like what happened when London was told that the people of Hong Kong did not want reparations for war damage to their homes.

"PHEW"

Unofficial Members.

Sir,—I find it hard to see any justification for the attacks in the correspondence columns of the Press upon the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council.

They play a vital role in the making of constitutional reform in Hong Kong.

I was privileged to be present in the Council Chamber on Thursday, June 17th when the motion was tabled and I was particularly impressed by the way in which the members of the Council spoke.

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of their less worthy critics have misinterpreted the word could have barred progress, most certainly have delayed it interminably.

The speakers must have appreciated that they were speaking and voting for the dissolution of an early date of the parliament of which they were glad to be members. Self interest did not point the way they went. I found it hard to believe that one or other of them would not have welcomed the Moro-Landale scheme as it was originally set out. In fact no one did so.

It seems to me ungenerous to endeavour to belittle them or any of them at a time when they were put to a test which must have been almost painful and was superior to it. They have surely the right to assert that they played a big part entirely to their own credit on an occasion which, for Hong Kong, will probably prove historic.

CHARLES LOSEBY.

A New Ferry.

Sir,—This thing I am going to say does not deal with the administration of the Star Ferry Company. It is the suggestion of opening another line or a number of lines from Hong Kong to Kowloon, and the only ferry run by the Star Ferry Company. We can see the necessity of having a ferry from Causeway Bay to Kowloon Railway Station or somewhere over on that side.

The reason is that there are a lot of people living in the vicinities of Happy Valley, Causeway Bay and North Point.

The pier for this new line would be set up near Causeway Bay, as the Causeway Bay area is at the centre of the three above mentioned districts. There is sufficient space for the construction of a pier there. The schedule of this ferry may be set according to its requirement.

A READER.

Japanese Journal.

Sir,—We shall be grateful if any of your readers can kindly assist us to obtain (buy or borrow) copies of the Japanese Occupation Periodical "Journal of Hong Kong (Gaocho)" particularly those issues covering the speeches of welcome to Gen. Isogai and the Hong Kong Victory parade, and other celebrations, and/or photographs of any of these episodes.

Chaves Case Hearing.

Further hearing of the case against a 60-year-old broker, C. H. Chaves, charged with obtaining money by false pretences, was yesterday resumed before Mr. J. Wicka at Kowloon.

Chaves is alleged to have falsely pretended he could get contracts for the making of uniforms for the managements of the "Hong Kong Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels." He is alleged to have obtained \$200 from a tailor.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths is representing the defendant, while Inspector Kavanagh is conducting the case for the prosecution.

After evidence was given by defence witness Wu Wing-hau, broker, the case was adjourned to July 7.

NAVY OILER IN PORT.

A ship-up in formalities over the arrival of the Chinese Navy oiler O Mei, which entered port from Keelung on Friday has been overcome. It was officially stated last evening.

Official calls were exchanged between Commodore P. C. Tsao and Vice-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Second in Command, Far East Station, and Commodore L. H. Brownfield, Commander of Hong Kong.

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Prosecution Statements Called Fabrications

HK Thanked For Gifts

At a ceremony at the Commonwealth Gift Centre, London, on Monday the Hon. George Lambert thanked Hong Kong for food gifts to Britain to the value of HK\$250,000 and weighing 200 tons.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Shum Chai-sang and Mr. Zealand Kwong, Hong Kong Journalists, who were welcomed by Mr. J. R. Lewis, Director of the Commonwealth Gift Centre.

Mr. Lambert said: "The British people enormously appreciated the generosity of Hong Kong which had done so much to help strengthen and improve the present somewhat meagre diet. All recipients would remember kindly the thought of donors."

Mr. Kwong said: "Hong Kong was glad to help Britain in her present food troubles and he hoped it would continue to help."

Detectives Were On Losing End

For obtaining money by false pretences from several detectives, Mr. Wai-chi, aged 30, unemployed, was yesterday sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for deportation by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon Magistracy.

Outlining the facts, Detective Sub-Inspector A. Taylor said that defendant gave false information to different detectives and obtained money from them.

On June 3, defendant approached Detective Sergeant Tam Chung at Wooning Street and told him that he knew of three men who had revolvers. Defendant told Tam that he could supply him with further information by providing Tam would give him \$10. The money was given to him by Tam.

Later in the evening, defendant met Tam at a cafe and asked for a further \$10. Tam gave him \$10. Defendant left the cafe and did not return.

The following day, Tam saw defendant in the street with another detective, Lau Fook, who had been given the same information by defendant. Enquiries revealed that defendant gave the same false information to different detectives on four previous occasions.

Concluding the prosecution, DSI Taylor said that people like defendant have a habit of making money in this way, and they are hard to guard against.

In passing sentence, the magistrate remarked that defendant gave no indication whatsoever of leading a useful life in the Colony.

Ex-Colonel's Neat Office Robberies

A former Chinese Lieutenant Colonel, who spent his week-ends systematically breaking into offices and taking what he liked with an ease and complacency that would have done credit to Houdini, came to justice at Central yesterday.

Among the offices that defendant, Lo Hung-pu, aged 24, was alleged to have broken into were Room 508, Chung Tin Building, Room 508, Prince's Building, Room 508, Union Building, Room 507A, Chung Tin Building, Room 410 China Building and Room 222 Wang Hing Building.

The total loot which included, among other articles, typewriters, a calculating machine, fountain pens, and cash, amounted to more than \$3,000 in value.

Inspector Forrest, prosecuting, said that defendant was arrested on June 24 in Hing Lung Street. He was questioned and brought to Room 435, Tai Tung Hotel, where he was staying.

Some of the stolen property was found there and on his person were a screwdriver and a cord.

Pleading guilty, defendant admitted stealing the articles mentioned, but said he did not intend to do so.

He told the court that he was an intelligence worker sent from Taiwan to gather intelligence regarding the Haining Communique in Hong Kong.

"Communist elements in Hong Kong are very strong," he added. "He was employed to do months' hard labour, recommended for deportation, and ordered to be under police supervision for six months."

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Allegations that certain statements attributed to them by the prosecution in connection with the Lockhart Road robbery of January 20 were police fabrications were made by two men at their trial yesterday.

Chiu Shung-hau, 20-year-old accused, denying the criminal charges against him from the witness stand, said that the statements—one of which said in effect that he owned a certain pistol—were not what he told the police.

Chiu Shung-hau and Chiu Chiu, are both standing trial before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and a jury of six men and one woman.

They are charged with taking part in an armed robbery at 459 Lockhart Road on January 20, and with possession of arms and ammunition.

First accused is also facing one count each of shooting with intent, possession of 14 rounds of ammunition, and wounding with intent.

First accused is alleged to have gotten a \$2,000 loan from a relative at the point of a gun, and to have forced him to draw up some documents in connection with it.

Mr. Percy Chen instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart, is defending both accused. Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by DSI J. R. Sykes, is prosecuting.

Chiu Shung-hau said in evidence that the complainant, Chiu Chiu-yu, was a distant uncle of his.

On January 20, he continued, he went with two friends to the Lee Theatre, after which they went to a nearby cafe. From there the three went over to the complainant's house at his suggestion.

Asks For Loan

Chiu went on to say that they were greeted by complainant who had tea and refreshments served. They then had a general conversation, in the course of which Chiu asked complainant for a loan of \$100. Complainant replied that he had no money to lend him.

"I then asked him to go with me to the front bedroom and speak to him there," Chiu continued. "I asked him there again for the loan, telling him that I had just come from Canton."

Complainant answered: "I thought you had something new to speak to me, but you keep on repeating the same thing."

Complainant, it is alleged, remarked that, since his nephew had gone into bad company, he had spent so much money. His friend, accused continued, in view of what complainant had said, asked complainant if he meant that he had made complainant's nephew a bad man.

The friend, accused said, then picked up the cover of a Chinese ink-pot, which complainant had been using, and struck complainant on the head with it.

Chiu told the court that he was alarmed at this. He rose from his place at the table and brought complainant's head with bleeding profusely. When he had sat the complainant down on the bed he himself went over to nearby dressing table to search for some cotton wool with which to dress his uncle's head.

On turning round, accused stated, he beheld complainant walking towards the door of the room with a gun in his hand. Chiu said he at once jumped over

to where complainant was and seized him from behind, at the same asking him what he was going to do.

Gun Goes Off

In the course of trying to prevent complainant from emerging from the room into the sitting room, accused said, the gun went off. After this shot, complainant became a little frightened. Accused then led him to a drawer and opened it for the complainant to place the gun inside. This complainant did.

When the \$2,000 was passed on to him, he said, he asked complainant whether or not a proof of the transaction was needed, to which the latter, it is alleged, replied: "Business is business." Complainant then wrote out a document, which, he added, which he signed.

The next day, accused went on, he came back to the premises, where he was met by three or four plain-clothed policemen. One of them caught hold of him and after some questioning, handcuffed him. The policeman told him that they were making inquiries about a robbery and that they hoped he could be of some help.

Accused said he replied in the negative to a question put by the police as to whether he and two others had come the night before and robbed the place. At the arrival of Inspector Sykes, he went on, the Inspector ordered the handcuffs removed.

He was taken to the police station where he was questioned in the presence of the Inspector and a number of detectives, he said.

Regarding the statement alleged to have been made by him to the police to the effect that he had hit complainant on the head with the butt of a pistol, accused declared that he did not say such a thing. Asked how this came to be written down by the Inspector, accused said that those were not his voluntary statements. He had replied negatively to those questions, he added.

All the statements that implicated the revolver in question belonged to him, Chiu alleged, were untrue. When he was questioned, the Inspector who was present expressed dissatisfaction at some of the answers given by him. The trial will continue at 10 this morning, when counsels will summarise their case to the jury.

Seaside House And Grounds For RAF Men

Through the generosity of local Chinese resident, almoner of RAF Station Kai Tak, have been given the use of a seaside house and grounds as a leave centre.

Situated at Silverstrand, the Leave Centre stands on high ground, overlooking an inlet of the East coast of the Kowloon peninsula. Some 150 feet below is a small sheltered cove with a pleasant sandy beach where the airman can swim, laze and sunbathe all the day long amid scenery reminiscent of parts of Cornwall.

The house has not yet been rehabilitated from the damage it received during the Japanese occupation. It contains, however, sufficient room to house 12 airman and a further eight can be accommodated in tents in the grounds.

An added advantage of the Silverstrand leave Centre is its close proximity to Kai Tak. Apart from bathing, there are facilities for more strenuous games and for the evening a wireless set has been provided.

Supervision of the guests is reduced to a minimum, the camp being a staff of the NCO in charge, Sergeant W. Quinn, of Ballemore, Co. Cork, Eire, and the cook, Aircraftman P. Alderson, of 4 Dragon Road, Leeds, Yorks.

No charge is made for any airman visiting the camp and service ration are provided.

MYSTERIOUS JUNKS SIGHTED

Macao, June 28.—Fishermen operating off Macao have reported that they saw two mysterious Chinese junks near Kow Chow. The junks were armed with machine-guns.

The junks sighted the fishing boat to approach them.

While the fishermen were fleeing from the junks, they heard machine-gun fire.

The fishermen said that they also saw two junks on board the junks.

Kow Chow is a group of nine islands, junks, miles from the Port of Macao, and is a

Reminders

Today—

HK Art Club monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tue 12. Club meeting at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 7.30 p.m.

Recital by Carol Bateman's pupils (in aid of Fanning Babies' Home), Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Whist Drive, Ladies' Section, European, YMCA.

Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, Cosmo Club, 6 p.m.

Ordinance of Denham Cursey, St. John's Cathedral, 7.30 p.m.

Past & Present Officers of Royal Engineers' dinner at HK Club, 7.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

European YMCA "Barnstormers" entertain Servicemen, 8 p.m. (no charge for admission).

HK Art Club monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HK Union Church, Ladies' Guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.

VRC swimming gala, 8.15 p.m. Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon, at Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, luncheon at 'Root' Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Canada Day, Service at Salween Military Cemetery, 9.30 a.m.; Reception at Hong Kong Club annex, 7 to 8.30 p.m.

Canadian Club of Hong Kong, dinner dance, Root Garden, HK Hotel, 7.45 p.m.

St. Paul's College, Speech Day, 5 p.m.

CEMETERY CASE CLOSES

The Catholic Cemetery case, in which Clementino Maria Almaro, sexton of the Cemetery, is charged with forging a burial notification and possession of the document, closed yesterday after defence counsel, Mr. A. el Arculli, had made his submission.

Almaro's co-defendant, a his wife, Margaret Tse, is charged with aiding and abetting in the forgery.

Addressing the bench, Mr. Arculli, after dealing with the merits of the case, submitted that under the section relevant to the charge of forgery, the prosecution should prove intent to defraud. In this case, he pointed out, there was no fraud involved.

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Father Grampa, he said, received the \$50 burial fee that he is entitled to. The extra money which defendant was alleged to have received, he said, was paid with the knowledge of the sexton, that it was for the black market, and there was therefore no question of fraud.

As to the charge of possession, counsel submitted that defendant was in possession of the document, but had himself admitted in his evidence that he did not know that they were forged until after he was arrested. As the sexton of the cemetery he had lawful authority to be in possession of such documents.

Regarding second defendant, Mr. Arculli said she had frankly admitted that she had forged the document and was actually the principal and not the aider or abettor.

Judgment was reserved until noon tomorrow.

Committed For Alleged Murder

Cheung Woon, the 26-year-old linker was yesterday committed for trial at Kowloon by Mr. Blair-Kerr for the alleged murder of Cheung Pui.

The prosecution story was that on the night of May 19, after a dinner at defendant's house, at an unnumbered hut at Nam Hing Village, Taipei New Territories, defendant quarrelled with Cheung Pui and during the quarrel defendant was alleged to have chopped off Cheung Pui's head.

Defendant was alleged to have placed the head in a bamboo basket and later to have taken it into a building for burial.

Another bamboo basket was used to carry the head in which defendant took it to a swampy area near Tai Po Harbour and there the head was buried.

Macao, June 28.—Two new shipping companies have been formed here. One is the Oriental Navigation and Commerce Company. The second is the Sino Navigation Company. Both companies are

Profit Reported At Company Meeting

A net profit of HK\$5,688.83 for the year ended July 31, 1948, was made by the Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Company Limited who held their 22nd annual general meeting at Windsor House yesterday.

The chairman, Mr. E. R. Hill, said the amount was much less than of the preceding year, and he attributed the decrease to the depreciation of the Chinese currency.

The meeting endorsed the Board's recommendation that the net profit should be transferred to profit and loss account reducing its debit balance to HK\$13,458.72.

Addressing shareholders the chairman said: "While all expenses have been reduced by some \$2,000, receipts from the renting of our building in Canton have dropped by approximately \$7,700 to \$15,600."

That position would state as a result of the depreciated Chinese currency. In the latter part of 1948, the Chinese Government instituted gold yuan currency in place of national dollars. The gold yuan did not long maintain its issued value and in a relatively short period it was at a discount with the currency of the country. A number of our tenants took advantage of that position and paid outstanding rents in gold yuan which, when converted, showed a considerable deficiency in terms of Hong Kong dollars. We had no course other than to accept these payments since the currency of the country is the basis of rent assessments.

Small Revision

"Since the outstanding rent position has been cleared up, we have been able to make more satisfactory arrangements with tenants for the payment of rents although some small downward revision of these had to be made by reason of an adjustment in the value of our ground and building in Shanghai."

"The Company's cash position is very satisfactory and a recent meeting of your Board the question of paying some part of the balance of \$58,000 to shareholders was discussed. Since the Company is carrying a debit balance in profit and loss account a payment to shareholders from these funds would in effect be a dividend out of capital which the law does not permit."

The matter is linked with our previously stated intention to endeavour to dispose of the building. Your Board has not received an offer of purchase for the building and until conditions in China have resolved themselves a sale is unlikely. Earlier in the year the building was inspected by a representative of your general managers and the report on its condition was satisfactory.

"No sums are included in the accounts for directors' fees and for office expenses of the general managers. It is intended, as was agreed at our last ordinary meeting, that these be adjusted in the final analysis if and when the building is sold."

Report Adopted

Mr. Hill informed shareholders that an order had been received from the Registrar of Companies

substituting the reconstructed register of members for the original register which was lost during the war.

Upon the proposal of the chairman, seconded by Mr. G. W. Sewell, the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Mr. P. Loureiro, a shareholder, then suggested that a refund of capital to shareholders of HK\$2 a share, should be made out of the large cash balance of HK\$20,000 which was lying idle and carrying very little interest at the Bank. Such a refund, he said, was legal, and also desirable, since the Company was eventually to be wound up after the sale of its Canton property.

The chairman said the Board would look into the matter. The two retiring Directors, Mr. P. P. Vassallo and Mr. Ho Kom-ping, were re-elected; and Percy Smith and Company were re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

Mr. Hill was supported in the chair by Mr. P. P. Vassallo and Mr. E. F. Watts (Director) and Mr. G. Milne (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. B. C. Tavadia, N. B. Futakia, P. Loureiro, G. W. Sewell and Andrew Tse.

Fire On Ship Put Out Successfully

Personnel of the ss. Hai Fel successfully extinguished smouldering charcoal and firewood in a hold after 17 hours despite rough seas and strong monsoon winds.

The fire occurred in the No. 2 hold when the 6,202-ton Chinese steamer was two days out from Singapore on June 20 en route to Hong Kong with 52 passengers and 1,200 tons of charcoal and firewood.

To prevent the fire from spreading, the hold was flooded with salt water and steam. As a precautionary measure, the passengers were provided with life jackets and told to remain in their cabins.

Damage so far has not been determined, but the owners, China Merchant Steamship Navigation Company, asserted yesterday that it would be negligible.

Mr. Fan Yuen-lai, master of the Chinese steamer, reported yesterday that the fire started on the No. 2 hold at about 3 a.m. on June 20 as the Hai Fel was proceeding towards Hong Kong.

The sea was rough and the ship was rolling and pitching in heavy seas with strong South West monsoons.

Investigation revealed that smoke was coming out from under the tween deck, where several hundred tons of charcoal and firewood were kept.

The smoke became thicker when the ventilation hatches were opened during the search for the source.

The passengers were then instructed to prepare themselves for emergency disembarkation. Meanwhile, the ventilation hatches were closed and steam was used to kill the outbreak.

Held Flooded

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Firing Area

Note—All Latitudes are N., and Longitudes E. Latitudes and Longitudes taken from Admiralty Charts Nos. 3429, 1409, 3603, 3280, 3279, and 1180, but longitudes from Charts Nos. 1180 and 3605 have been decreased by 9".

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LITTLE FLOWER CLUB

The Card Drive which was to have been held at the Club in aid of Shanghai Portuguese Refugees on Thursday, June 30th has been postponed to Thursday, July 7th, 1949.

For further particulars please phone 50939—between 9 & 10 a.m.

BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Friday, 1st July, 1949. (First week day in July).

June 29, 1949.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

NOTICE

This Department will be closed on Friday, the 1st of July, 1949, for all purposes except for entry & clearance and ships' manifests between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

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Rotary Club Hears Talk On Canada

Hong Kong Rotary honoured Canada's National Day (which actually occurs on July 1) with a talk by Mr. Ken Noble, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, entitled "This is Canada" at its weekly luncheon yesterday.

After reviewing the Dominion's geography and climate, the speaker delved into its history.

He said contrary to popular conception Columbus was a fairly late arrival in the New World. The Norsemen had preceded him by some 400 years, coming via Iceland and Greenland.

Recent history started in 1763 when the French and British settlements North of the St. Lawrence were combined after the victory of General Wolfe on the Plains of Abraham, now a suburb of Quebec City.

In 1782, a mass movement of 100,000 British citizens born in the 13 British colonies further South moved Northward to settle in Canada, after the American War of Independence. They were the United Empire Loyalists. Some came from the British, largely Scotch or from the Rhine, who had fought in the American War of Independence, settled in new areas that later became the Crown colonies of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

July 1 in 1867 saw the birth of the Dominion of Canada through the confederation of four of the six British colonies North of the United States of America, namely, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Lower Canada, now Quebec, the Upper Canada, now Ontario.

Ten Provinces

In the intervening years Canada has spread Westward and Northward and is today a country of 10 provinces.

In 1931, by the Statute of Westminster, Canada and several other Dominions had their status established as self-governing dominions within the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Canada's population of 13,000,000 people as polyglot a group as can be found in any population of like number in the world. Nearly 50 per cent are of British origin. Nearly 4,000,000 are of French extraction. Of the 6,000,000 British, 3,000,000 are English, 2,000,000 Scotch and 1,000,000 Irish. The remaining 3,000,000 are of European extraction other than British or French.

A break-up of these 2,500,000 shows 600,000 Germans; 300,000 Ukrainians; 170,000 Jews; 100,000 Poles; 150,000 Netherlands; 100,000 Italians; 100,000 Norwegians; 80,000 Swedes; 60,000 Russians; 50,000 Magyars; 35,000 Danes; 35,000 Czechs; 30,000 Belgians; 20,000 Rumanians; 20,000 Icelanders.

Economically, Canada is the third trading nation of the world and is exceeded in the value of her overseas trade by only the United States and the United Kingdom.

Two Parties

Politically the voter subscribes to the tenets of either the Liberal or Progressive Conservative Party.

Industrially she has been following the mass production techniques of the United States while at the same time she has inherited a tradition of quality in workmanship that is inherent in the products of the Old World.

Canada faces the future with confidence. She has a natural endowment second to none—fish, farming lands and the forests, and unlimited water-power.

Canada has more than 50 per cent of all the fresh water in the world.

After comparing superficial similarities between Canadians and Americans which was not surprising since they came from a common racial stock, Mr. Noble said Canadians took their work more calmly and their pleasures more sadly than their friends to the South.

There was, however, a very real and basic difference between the people of Canada and of the United States: one that stems from the tradition of the United Empire Loyalists. The people of Canada take their democracy

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S J
H Q J 10 2
D J 8 7
C A 6 5 4
S A K Q
8 6 4
H 7
D A 3 2
C J 8 7

monds, so he opened the Q of that suit.

As it happened, the diamond lead made West's contract easy. He won with the A, leaving the K-10 as a fourchette over the marked J. Then he took the A and K trump rounds and gave a spade trick with the 9 to South's 10. The club 2 came back to North's A, and the heart Q was returned to the A. The heart 6 was ruffed, diamond 10 finesse won and the diamond K called forth. South could get only one trick with his spade Q, and might as well take it then as any time, so he did, as only the third trick for his side. The rest of West's assets were now solid.

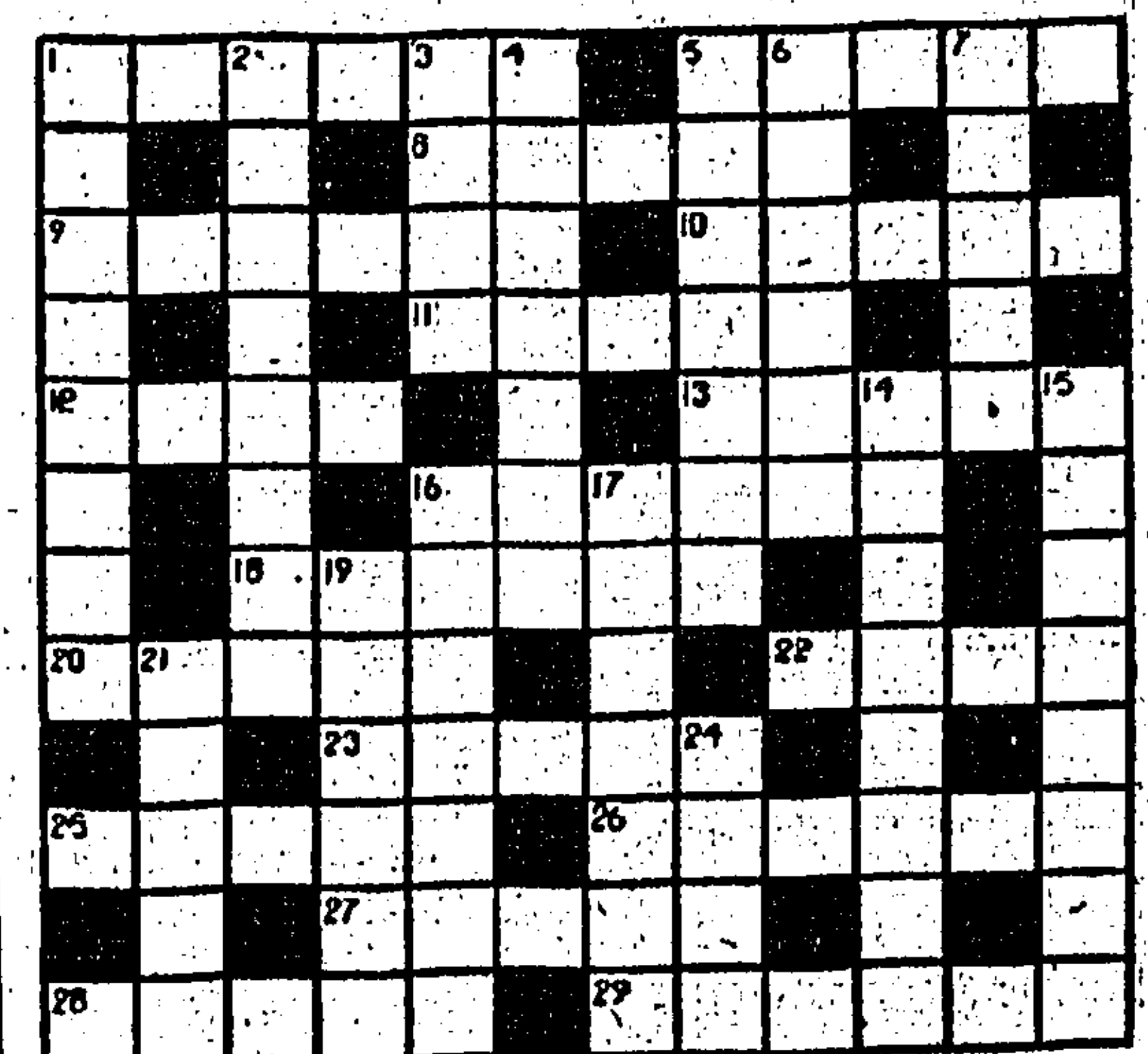
In this case, if North had led anything except a diamond, the defence would surely have taken a trick in that suit. West could still have made the contract by different play of the trump suit, but seemingly did not know how to do it, or else counted on a different "division" of trumps.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 9 6 4
H J
D A J 6
C A K J 7 8 5
S K 7 3
H 10 7 6 4
D 7 4 3 2
C 4 3

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable.)
If North bid 1-Club, East doubled, West 1-Heart North 2-Club and East 2-Hearts, what would you do in the South.

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Across
1 Branch of unity.
5 Make proud.
8 Illustrative.
9 Field.
10 Expect to hard-ship.
11 Portion.
12 Greedy.
13 Experiments.
16 Annoy.
18 Worshipped.
20 Had a meal.
22 Comfortable.
23 Anecdotes.
25 Indifferent.
26 To hard-ship.
28 Sell.
29 Governor.
30 Preamble.
31 Offer.

Down
1 Located.
2 Vexatious woman.
3 Break off.
4 Warship.
5 Chose by vote.
6 Royal assembly.
7 Imploded.
14 Danner.
16 Odd.
18 Small portion.
19 Young animal.
20 Wad.
21 Bury.
24 Withered.
25 Regaled.
26 Oral.
31 Fleet.
32 Ideal.
33 Kite.
DOWN—1 Guide.
2 Cancel.
3 Green.
4 Def.
5 Poll.
6 Slow.
7 11.
8 17 Young.
9 20 Retard.
10 24 Trait.
11 Debar.
12 27 Balm.
28 Work.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across—3 And.
4 Rural.
5 Bert.
6 Educate.
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GREECE HEADS TO RECOVERY

Washington, June 28. The Assistant Secretary of State, George C. McGhee, said today that Greece is on road to recovery as a result of one telling blow after another inflicted recently on the Communist rebels by Greek army troops.

Addressing the Pan-Leonion Federation, a Greek organization, Mr. McGhee said that the Greek guerrillas' numbers have been reduced to 10,000 from 25,000 since the first year of the civil war.

He cited the recent so-called peace offensive launched by Greek guerrillas and their international Communist masters as another significant sign of guerrilla weakness.

Mr. McGhee warned, however, that despite recent successes hard fighting and possible disappointment still lie ahead.

He branded as utter nonsense a recent statement by a Greek Communist leader claiming that 95 per cent of the Greek people sympathize with Communism.

Mr. McGhee described Greece as a rampart in the wall of security which protects a large part of the Asia and African continents.—Associated Press.

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London, June 28.

The first phase of air exercises to test the defences of industrial England against an atom bomb blitz ended yesterday with one major complaint. London residents said they were too realistic.

Referees and high air officials of three countries were discreet about preliminary results of "Operation Foil" in which British bombers and fighters, American Superforts and jet fighters participated.

There were indications from other observers and from the sound of the heavy bomber formations over the metropolitan area that England's capital had been heavily pounded in two night attacks.

"Operation Foil" will continue for another week as fighter and bomber squadrons, reinforced at the week-end by reserve air formations of British pilots, test plans for protecting England in war. An Air Ministry spokesman said that conclusions from the exercises will probably not be made public.

The Air Ministry said that the French Air Minister, Jean Moreau, will arrive on Tuesday to observe the exercises for three days. He will join high British, American and Dutch officials. Thousands of Britons, their sleep disturbed by low-flying warplanes, telephoned the Air Ministry to complain. Many said that their children, reminded of the wartime blitz raids, ran screaming from their homes.

To these complaints an Air Ministry spokesman had one answer: "If we are to prepare adequate defence, our practices must be as real as we can make them."

Bombers' Speed

Observers flying with American B-29 Superforts in the week-end "raids" reported an interesting development at high altitudes.

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1.00 p.m.—"News, Weather Report and Announcements."
1.10 p.m.—"News, Weather Report and Announcements."
1.25 p.m.—"Selections from Grand Opera."
2.00 p.m.—"Close Down."
2.05 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling"
2.10 p.m.—"London Studio Melodies"
2.15 p.m.—"Anne Sings and Webster Boats with Sidney Torch and His Orchestra. (BBC7S)
2.30 p.m.—"The Andrews Sisters Introduce some New Songs"
2.35 p.m.—"Emilio Salones (Saxophone Ritalia) with Piano accompaniment by Vicente Cristobal. (Studio)
2.40 p.m.—"Record Round-Up"
2.45 p.m.—"Variety Request Programme Presented by Jean Halliday. (Studio)
3.00 p.m.—"World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
3.15 p.m.—"A Land of Singers. A Programme of Music from Wales. (BBC7S)
3.45 p.m.—"Generally Speaking" in "Forget my Money" A Talk by Jack McLaren. (London Relay)
4.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)
4.10 p.m.—"Weather Report."
4.15 p.m.—"British Concert Hall. DPO Symphony Orchestra conducted by Clarence Raybould. Kendall Taylor (Piano) (BBC7S)
10.11 p.m.—"Grand Hotel." Albert Bandier and the Palm Court Orchestra with William Herbert (Tenor). (BBC7S)
10.40 p.m.—"Dance to Joe Lons and His Orchestra."
11.00 p.m.—"Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
11.15 p.m.—"Weather Report and Summary of News from China."
11.20 p.m.—"Close Down."

Mine Warning To Giant Cunarder

Southampton, June 27.

The liner Queen Mary, homeward bound with 2,000 passengers, was warned by radio-cast last night that fishermen had sighted a mine some miles off her course into Cherbourg. Captain G. E. Cove, the Master, said when the liner docked here today. Special look-out men were posted, but neither they nor the liner's radar found any trace of the mine.

Later today, shipping was warned that a floating mine had been reported off the Kent coast, East of Dover.—Reuter.

Rangoon's Claim To Successes

Rangoon, June 28.

The Army has recaptured the river town of Nyaungu, 80 miles South West of Mandalay. Nyaungu was a stronghold of renegade White Band PVO's and Communists who concentrated inside the town as the Government soldiers on the oilfields made headway. Fierce fighting preceded the Nyaungu recapture.

The attack was spearheaded by armoured troops.

The rebels lost 210 killed but PVO's and Communists escaped.

Byaungu's liberation virtually rids the oilfields of rebel terror.

Earlier it was announced in the official communiqué that rebels who were unarmoured but believed to be a mixed force of Karens and Mons attacked Government forces at Zathabyin, North of the recaptured South East coastal town of Thantone. The rebels fled with heavy losses.

Government casualties were one killed and two wounded.—Associated Press.

STEEL DECLINE

New York June 28.

Production of steel in the U.S. is due to drop below 80 per cent of rated capacity this week, for the first time since April 1948. American Iron and Steel Institute operations would be 79.9 per cent.

This is the eleventh straight week of declining output.—Associated Press.

Constable Gaoled On Arson Charge

London, June 27.

A British police constable, aged 23, alleged to have confessed to lighting fires "to get my own back on the Jews," was sentenced today to five years' imprisonment.

The constable, Clifford Alexander Weallans, stationed at West Ham, was found guilty by an Old Bailey jury, after a three-day trial, of setting fire to four works buildings and a warehouse at Stratford and causing damage to the extent of £20,000.

The police asked that 15 other cases of setting fire to property or causing malicious damage in the same area should be taken into consideration.

"It is a perfectly wicked thing that innocent people in this country should be made to suffer in this way for something which they had nothing whatever to do," Justice Birckett said in passing sentence.

"In the ordinary way if you, a police constable, had stood here, on being found guilty, you could have expected to have been sentenced to 10 years. Happily, there are mitigating circumstances and I am going to try to give full weight to them," he said.

In his confession, which Weallans declared in evidence was untrue, the police alleged that Weallans said: "I have occasionally had severe headaches and get depressed. I feel as if I am just fed up with life and do not care."

"I thought the people who ran the places are Jews and I am prejudiced against Jews because when I was in Palestine I was taken to hospital because of the Jews. I have seen many bad things done to our blokes by the Jews and wanted to even things up."

Medical evidence called by the defence said that Weallans was suffering from anxiety neurosis.—Reuter.

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SOEKARNO RETURN TO JOGJAKARTA BY NEXT MONTH

Jogjakarta, June 28.

Dr. Soekarno, President of the Indonesian Republic, is expected to return to the Republican capital of Jogjakarta by July 15.

Sultan Hamengko Buwono, Governor of Jogjakarta, said this today.

The Dutch began the evacuation of their 4,500 troops from Jogjakarta on Friday with the evacuation of Wonosari; South of the city.

The evacuation so far has proceeded fluently and without incident, the Sultan said and added that it is expected to be completed by Wednesday afternoon.

The taking over of the civil services in Jogjakarta is set for Tuesday.

The Sultan said that he will issue a special statement on Wednesday afternoon and that if nothing untoward occurs he will invite Dr. Soekarno to return to the city.

The Republican Labour Party, Partai Buruh, today denied that it is collaborating with the Communists.

Will Co-operate

Shortly before the Communist coup at Madian last September, the leaders of the Labour and Socialist parties decided to merge with the Indonesian Communist Party F.K.I. The decision, however, was never ratified by the parties.

The newly-elected chairman of the Labour Party, Professor S. M. Abdin, declared today that his party is eager to co-operate with any other party aiming at solidifying the state of the country.

Asked what his party's attitude is regarding the new agreement, he said: "The most important thing is the implementation of the agreement." — Associated Press.

EX-PRESIDENT GOES TO EXILE

Damascus, June 28.

Syria's former President, Shoukry Koussly, left Damascus by air today for Switzerland accompanied by his wife and two children.

Koussly was elected President of Syria for the second time last August but was overthrown by the military coup of Colonel Husniel Zaim on March 30.

A military guard of honour saluted the ex-President as he stepped into the plane and many former Premiers and Ministers were present to bid him farewell.—Associated Press.

LIBEL ACTION SETTLED

London, June 27.

A libel action by Ferenc Nagy, former Prime Minister of Hungary, now living in the United States, against the publishers of the British Sunday newspaper "Reynolds News" was withdrawn on terms today at the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Quintin Hogg, Counsel for Nagy, told Lord Chief Justice Goddard that the defendants had agreed to pay the former a substantial sum and his costs and had apologised for the article complained of.

Two years ago, under the heading "What Did Happen in Hungary?" the newspaper published an article by Anna Kothly, a supporter of the present Hungarian Government.

Mr. Hogg said that the article contained factual allegations of the most serious kind, suggesting that Nagy was a corrupt traitor who misused his official position to betray his country and acquire wealth for himself.

It was not now suggested that there was a syllable of truth in these allegations.

Apologising on behalf of the defendants, Mr. John Thompson said that "Reynolds News" had published the article in good faith, but since attention had been called to the serious and harmful implications, it had not meant to suggest that there was any foundation for the implications.—Reuter.

KIM KOO'S ASSASSIN

Seoul, June 27.

The South Korean Defence Ministry announced today that the assassin of the Independence Party leader, Kim Koo, was a member of the Independence Party. The assassin, Ahn Dohi, aged 33, a second lieutenant in the Korean Army, was a faithful follower and an intimate companion of Kim, the Defence Ministry said. Ahn shot the Independence Party leader because of political differences, the Ministry added.

Ahn is reported to be in hospital suffering from injuries received after the assassination.—Reuter.

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SWING TO THE RIGHT IN BELGIAN VOTING

GREECE'S CABINET CRISIS

Athens, June 27.
The withdrawal of support by the Liberal group of 50 members headed by M. Sophocles Venizelos has upset the plan for a one-party Populist Cabinet, under M. Constantin Tsaldaris, to be ready for swearing in by King Paul tonight.

Members of the proposed new Cabinet were at the house of M. Tsaldaris ready to go to the Palace when they heard this news. The Liberal group, which M. Sophocles headed, has already insisted that the new Government should be like the last—a coalition of Liberals and Populists.

According to friends of M. Venizelos, his change of mind was due to a statement made earlier today by the American Ambassador Dr. Henry P. Grady. Dr. Grady had said: "Americans are interested in seeing a Government which will realise its great responsibilities without consideration of parties or personalities."

M. Venizelos visited Dr. Grady and was reported later to have decided that the only way out of the crisis was a new Coalition similar to the last.

The Populist Party had hoped to win the support of small right wing groups in Parliament in addition to the support of the Liberals under M. Venizelos.

Earlier today, the secretary to M. Tsaldaris said that the new Populist Cabinet would present itself to Parliament on Thursday to ask for a vote of confidence and probably for a three-month adjournment of the Chamber.—Reuter.

Anti Strike Legislation

Rome, June 27.
Two new laws, intended to give the Government wider powers to control strikes, are to be submitted to the Italian Cabinet tomorrow before presentation to Parliament.

The precise terms of the proposed legislation have not yet been published, but left wing Socialists and Communists today attacked them, recalling that the Minister of the Interior, Signor Mario Scelba, declared in a speech last week-end: "It is necessary to use force when the situation is of such a nature as to undermine the democratic order of our country."

One law, it is understood, would make "cooling off" periods obligatory before the actual walk-out of strikers, and other will give greater police powers to the Central Government.—Reuter.

Leopold Backers' Hopes Raised

Brussels, June 27.

The official Belgian election results, announced late tonight, showed a victory for the Catholics in both Houses of Parliament.

The Catholics—supporters of exiled King Leopold's return—failed to secure a majority over all the other parties in the Chamber of Deputies, which would be necessary for any action on the Royal question.

The final figures for the Chamber of Deputies were: Catholics 104 seats (a gain of 12); Socialists 66 (a loss of three); Liberals 30 (a gain of 13) and the Communists 12 (a loss of 11).

The final figures for the Senate were: Catholics 54 seats (a gain of three); Communists five (a loss of six).

The election showed a clear swing to the right, and the Catholics are only three short of an absolute majority in the Chamber of Deputies.

The Communists suffered an overwhelming defeat, losing about 50 per cent of their seats in both Houses of Parliament and in the County Councils, which were elected on the same day.

The votes of Belgium's most densely populated area—the Province of Brabant, in which Brussels lies—were held up because the official in charge of the polling station in a Brussels suburb had "forgotten" to add up the votes.

Prince Charles, the Regent, today accepted the resignation of the Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak's two-year-old Socialist-Catholic Coalition Cabinet.

Spaak Unwilling

The Ministers handed in their resignations in accordance with normal Belgian constitutional procedure, under which the Government resigns after a general election, no matter what the result of the polling may be.

M. Spaak, the Socialist leader, stated that, in compliance with tradition, the chief of the Christian Democrats—the strongest party—would be called on to form a Government.

Asked whether he would be willing again to combine the posts of Premier and Foreign Minister, he entered with the task of forming a new Cabinet.

M. Spaak said: "I do not believe this would be a good formula."

An official in close touch with King Leopold (now living near Geneva) said tonight:

No Coup

"With the Catholics skirting an absolute majority in Parliament, and with the support of several Royal Liberals who make this majority very comfortable indeed, the scrapping of the Parliament Act which is keeping our monarch in exile seems to be a foregone conclusion and is a mere question of timing."

The law referred to by the official was passed in July, 1935, after King Leopold's release from captivity in Germany. Declaring that the King would never return to the country before this law is abrogated, the official added:

"King Leopold is not a man who would stage a coup d'etat. It is out of the question for the King to abdicate."

He added: "The Christian Socialists scored their splendid electoral success thanks to their slogan 'We want Our King.' It would be difficult for the party leaders—not do press who heard for the King's early return."—Reuter.

Motion On Atomic Bomb

Washington, June 27.
Senator Ralph Flanders (Republican, Vermont) is to ask Congress to forbid the use of the atomic bomb except as a weapon of retaliation.

He told reporters today that the bomb is not properly a military device but rather a means for the mass murder of citizens.—Reuter.

TRUMAN SCHEME FOR AID

Geneva, June 27.

Mr. David A. Morse, American Director-General of the 61-member International Labour Office, declared today that United States aid to under-developed countries will be available impartially and without discrimination to all who seek to use it.

He added: "These services must not and never will be imposed on any one."

"Nor will they encroach upon the sovereign powers of governments in the formulation and execution of their national policies and programmes."

Mr. Morse was replying to comments in his annual report at the Geneva conference of the I.L.O.

The Office, he said, is giving new emphasis to President Truman's "Point Four" plan.

This plan to aid under-developed countries was part four of the programme outlined in the President's speech of January 20, when he took the oath of office after re-election.—Reuter.

ROMEO GAOLED

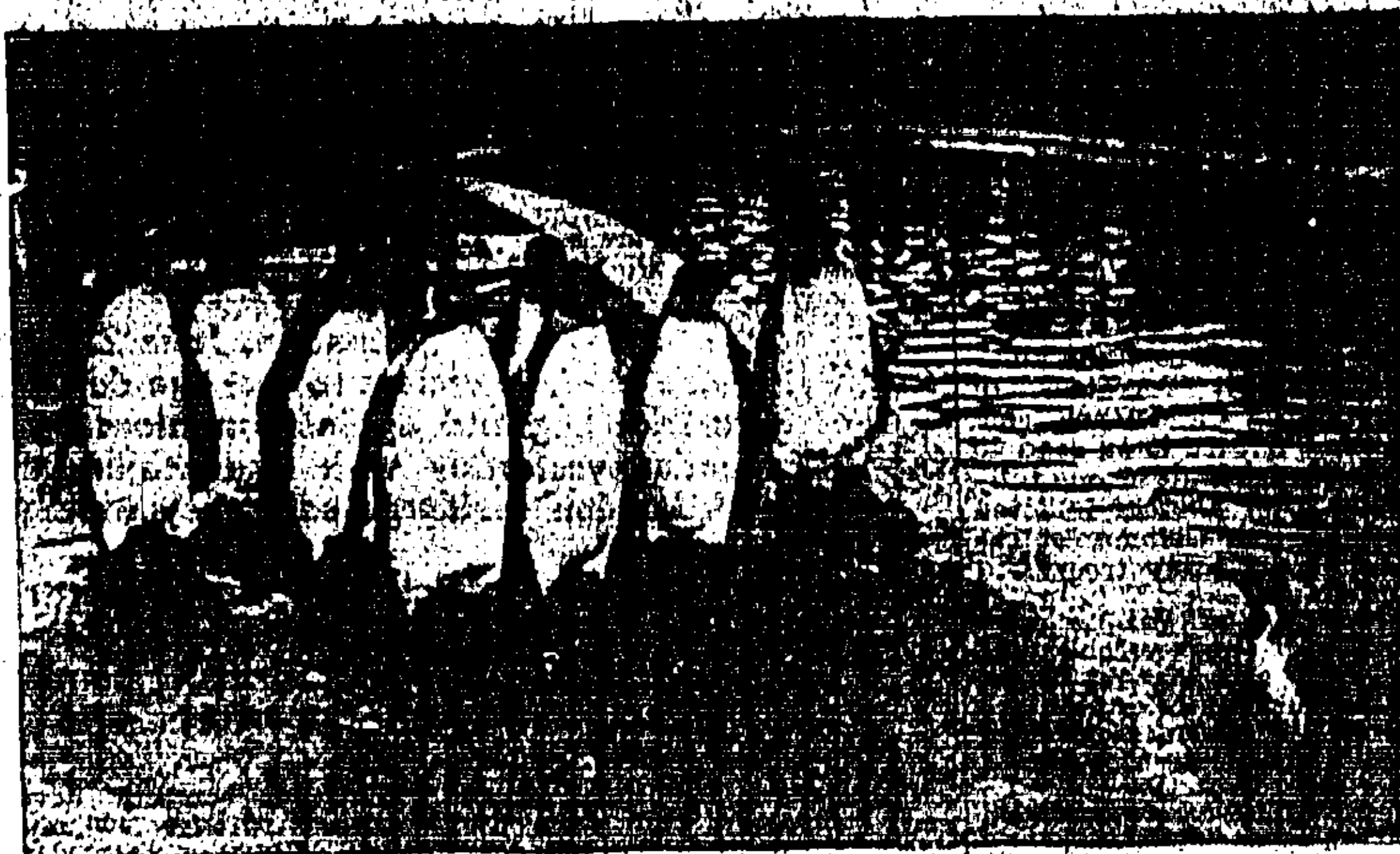
Chicago, June 27.

Dapper Sigmund Engel, 73, who said he made millions by fleeing marriage-minded women, was arraigned today on a charge of swindling and failed to talk his way out of jail.

Judge Matthew Hartigan bound him over to the County Grand Jury on US\$50,000 bond after he had appeared in the felony court on a charge of having taken \$8,700 from Mrs. Beulah Corrigan, 39.

Despite the aged Romeo's claim that in the last 40 years he had married 50 women who had given him at least \$2,000,000, he could not meet the high bond.—United Press.

Peter Penguin Plunges



Young Peter Penguin (right) seems to have a nervous look about him as he wades ashore at London's Regent's Park Zoo after taking his first plunge in the penguin pool there. And will he might, for his seniors, the King Penguins lined up on the bank have a distinctly haughty, disapproving look about them as, with all their awful majesty they survey the new recruit. Peter is only a few months old, but he hopes by diligent swimming, and leaving the best fish to his superiors, to gain their affection.—(AP Photo).

Hush-Hush Slows Up Weapon Development

Washington, June 27.

Dr. Karl T. Compton, the Government's senior scientist, said today that excessive concern with secrecy has slowed development of new weapons and international security.

Dr. Compton, chairman of the National Research and Development Board, said secrecy has become confused with security to an astonishing degree in public and even in military minds. Actually security depends to a far more important extent upon rapid scientific advance which requires as little secrecy as possible, he said.

He said: "I am sure that the pendulum has recently swung so far in the direction of concern over secrecy regarding even little details and unimportant people that our real security is suffering. It is suffering from a slowing up of progress. Because attention is being diverted from really big things, we need to do it."

Dr. Compton did not cite specific cases. But there are indications that atomic energy research was one matter he had in mind.

He quoted the Commission chairman, David Lilienthal's, statement that while guards, fences and investigators have an important place they do not develop new knowledge about atomic energy.

Dr. Compton called upon Congress, the armed forces, scientists, industrialists, workmen, the press and the public generally to do all possible to promote good teamwork—one of the outstanding factors, he said, in winning World War II.

Subversive

He said: "I believe that the opposite approach, a desire to criticize or to seek self-advancement at the expense of someone else is a sign of a demoralized team and that its stimulation could be the subtlest of all subversive un-American activities."

World War II taught the significance of new weapons and the importance of having them at the front first. Dr. Compton said in leading up to his discussion of secrecy. He said pointedly that if the Nazi V-1 and V-2 missiles had come along sooner the war might well have had a different ending.

Therefore true security consists in being far ahead as possible of any unfriendly competitor. America is with the atomic bomb.

Dr. Compton said: "Secrecy is one aspect of security for it is evident that if we should freely broadcast all information about our new development we would permit our competitors to keep pace with us at relatively little expense to himself. Thus, secrecy is a negative or defensive aspect of security."

Incompatible
"But," he continued, "if we simply sit tight and lock up our secrets it will not be long before our active competitor forges ahead of us. So we must also press forward the positive or offensive aspect of security by making rapid advances in our own science and its practical applications."

FREIGHTERS FOR ISRAELIS

Halla, June 27.

Two 10,000-ton freighters are to join the Israeli merchant navy on August 1, the manager of the Israel-American Line, announced here.

A 17,000-ton passenger liner, to maintain a "Halla-New York" service, and a 10,000-ton ship for the Mediterranean traffic, are to be acquired soon.

Israeli vessels will carry half the goods which Israel is to receive under her US\$100 million loan from the United States. American vessels will handle the rest.—Reuter.

STERLING TALKS IN LONDON

London, June 27.

A spokesman of the Indian Sterling talks delegations told the Press Trust of India that preliminary talks on India's Sterling credits with British Treasury officials are proceeding smoothly.

He discounted reports that a stalemate has been reached in the talks.

"There can be no question of a stalemate because we have never reached the stage of dealing with any large issue," he said.

The spokesman added that the talks so far have been confined to facts and figures on both sides, both the countries stating their respective cases in terms of figures. If talks had not been held in the last few days, it was because the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, is busy with the European inter-payments talks.

The spokesman said that if some of the European countries insist on part of their Sterling credits being convertible into hard currency, it will certainly make the position of British dollar resources more difficult but he could not say how such a position will affect India's case for hard currency.

He said that Mr. B. K. Nehru and Mr. Keith Roy, members of the Sterling delegations, have taken advantage of the few days' set-up in the talks and have gone to Washington in connection with India's dollar loan from the International Monetary Fund.

He described the trip to Washington as purely routine.—Reuter.

BRITAIN JOINS WHEAT PACT

London, June 27.

The Foreign Office Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told the House of Commons today that Britain has decided to sign the International Wheat Agreement and intends to ratify it before July 1.

The agreement, a four-year contract between 26 wheat importing and five wheat exporting countries, guarantees the export and import of 450,283,333 bushels of wheat yearly.—Reuter.

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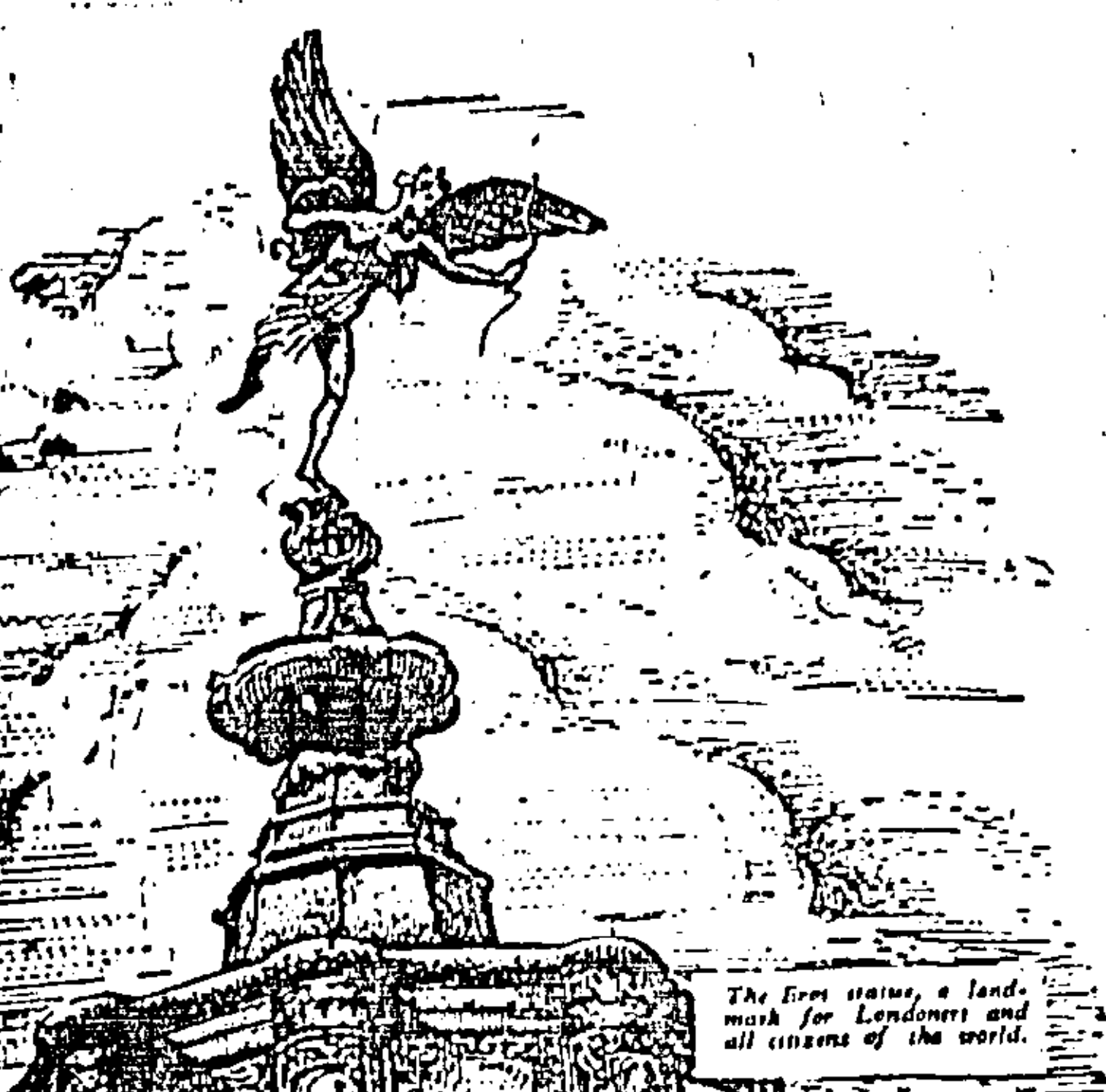


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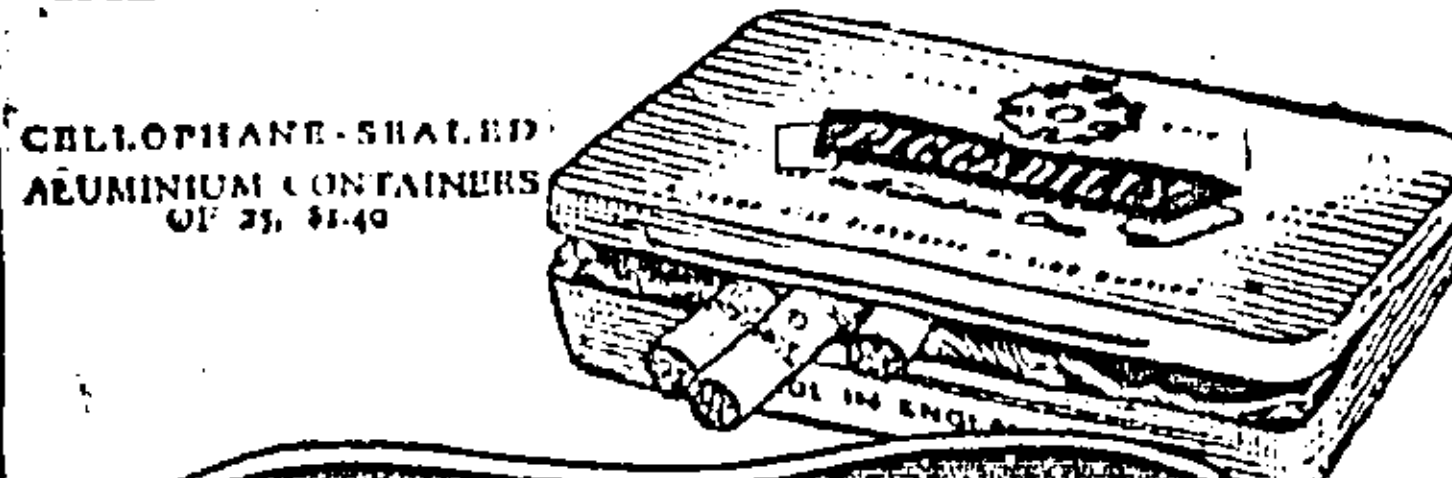
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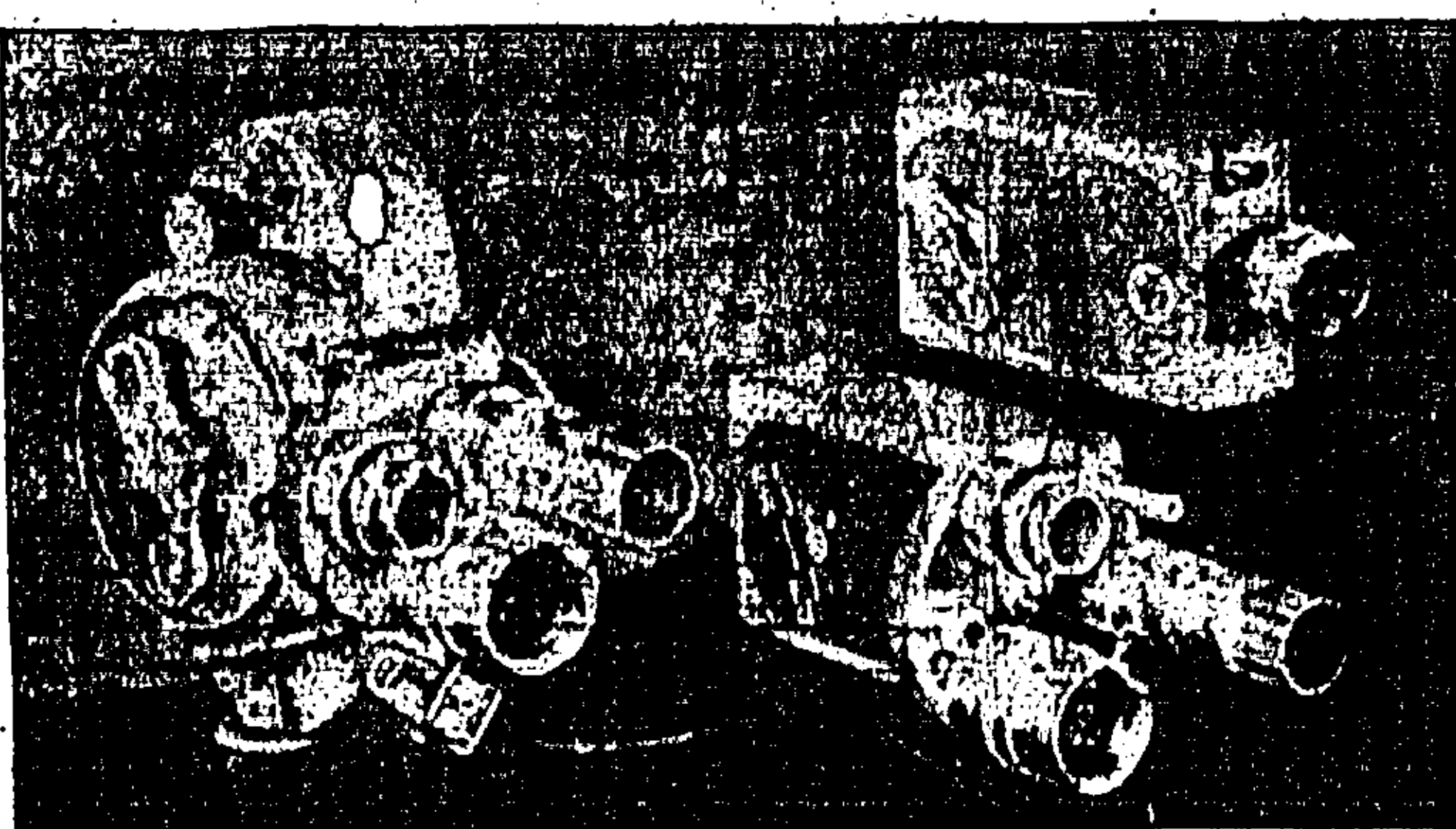
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PASTORAL LETTERS BANNED BY PRAGUE

FORGERS WORKED NEXT TO A BANK

Washington, June 27. Secret Service today seized a currency counterfeiting plant next door to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and arrested four men and one woman.

The Secret Service chief, U.S. Daughman, said the five were members of a ring which had manufactured more than \$100,000 in counterfeit Reserve notes and circulated about \$2,000 of it.

Daughman announced that Secret Service agents arrested Eugene Hammond Creighton, 25, Walter Wilbur Kidwell, 30, William Hughes, 38, and his wife, Josephine, 25, and Arthur Behar, 35. All gave Washington addresses.

They were charged with manufacturing and passing counterfeit currency.

Daughman said that \$50,000 in \$20 notes were found hidden in Creighton's car.

Daughman said the group had just completed a swing around the country to pass the worthless notes.

Kidwell and Creighton were listed as taxi drivers, Hughes as a milk wagon helper, and Mrs. Hughes as housewife.

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Prague, June 27. The Government today banned Catholic pastoral letters and prohibited meetings of Church officials without specific permission of the Government.

In a special issue of the "Catholic Clergy Gazette" the Government also declared that Church-imposed excommunications and suspensions are invalid. It said it would give full support to priests incurring Church punishment who show a positive attitude to the regime.

The Gazette, published by the Ministry of Education and circulated to all priests, contained three decrees.

The first said: "The Ministry of Education, using its right to supervise the Church administration, requires all ordinations to ask the Ministry directly for approval of pastoral letters, circulars, instructions, orders and other proclamations of this kind intended either for priests or for the public. Without prior approval of the Ministry of Education, no such mentioned proclamations may be published or distributed."

The second decree said: "The Church authorities in Czechoslovakia threatened priests who showed a positive attitude toward the People's Democracy and proclaimed themselves for co-operation between the State and Church with church penalties."

"As far as the State Administration is concerned, all Church punishments of this kind are ineffective to the clergy members concerned and they do not lose their rights to exercise their spiritual tasks in public spiritual administrations."

"Their publicly legitimate position has not changed here-with. The State Administration will give them, on the contrary, its full support."

Catholic Charge
The third decree said: "The Ministry of Education hereby informs all priests and vicars that all meetings and consultations of clergy in vicars or parishes must be announced at least three days before to the district national committees. They may be held only after the permission of the district national committees."

The Government-sponsored Catholic Action Committee has actually occupied all church parishes in Czechoslovakia, Roman Catholic sources in Prague allege.

Government confiscations and repressive measures against the Church are spreading and in some cases priests who resisted the confiscations have been arrested, the sources said.

A virtual "white book" catalogue of such anti-Church actions executed over the past few months was issued on Sunday by the national committee in Prague.

The catalogue was a sharply worded pastoral letter which was read from the pulpit. That letter accused the Communist regime of deliberately plundering and persecuting the Church while professing to seek negotiations for a fair State-Church accord.

Priest Vanishes
Usually reliable sources said that Father Josef Riala, president of the Czechoslovak "Catholic Action Committee" is missing from his office and might have fled the country.

The sources believed Father Riala might have decided to flee rather than face excommunication for working with the Communist Government. Inquiries at his office and at the Church of St. James, where he served as priest, revealed that he had not been seen for 13 days.

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Major Crisis Developing In Turkey

Istanbul, June 28. A political crisis of serious proportions developed rapidly in Turkey last night over the Government's internal policies.

There were reports that the Grand National Assembly might be called into extraordinary session to vote on what was called "a revolutionary movement" by the opposition Democratic Party.

The Cabinet of Premier Sigmund Gullustay met in emergency session—the second in less than 24 hours—and the ultra-conservative paper "Akisem" said that the Government was in a "revolutionary" position.

It was reported that Cella Bayar, leader of the Democratic Party, is inciting the people to revolt—Associated Press.

COMMAND CAR WAR RELIC

Ottawa, June 29. A three-ton command car which carried Vice Admiral Alexander, Canada's Governor-General, safely through the Africa campaign has been given a prominent berth in the Canadian war museum.

Its wartime driver, Quartermaster J. A. (Doc) Wells of Bedford, still drives for the Field Marshal at Government House.

Joe, now 48, has driven more than 1,000,000 miles over England's roads in other vehicles but has a warm regard for the "desert buggy."

"It has gone over 180,000 miles, taken His Excellency from Cairo right across North Africa and into Sicily and Italy and never a breakdown or a bullet hole or a scratch," he said.

The baboon-eyed car with canvas roof and Tommy gun and rifle mountings was built especially for Vice Admiral Alexander in a Cairo army workshop in 1941. It has four engines.

King George, General Dwight Eisenhower and Field Marshal Lord Montgomery have all ridden in it—Associated Press.

UNION TRIES TO SETTLE STRIKE

London, June 27. The Ministry of Labour announced tonight that one British union is taking all possible steps to urge the London dockers on strike in support of the Canadian seamen to return to work.

The Ministry has asked the other union what it is doing to get its members back, it said.

A total of 2,400 dockers in the Royal and Surrey group of docks stopped work today in support of Canadian ships' crews who again walked out over the week-end after accusing shipowners of "double-crossing" them.

According to the announcement, the Transport and General Workers' Union said that it is doing its best to secure full normal working so far as its members are concerned.

In a telegram to the General Secretary of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers' Union said that it hopes the Ministry will do the same.

The Ministry announcement concluded: "As the Minister (Mr. George Isaacs) stated on Thursday last, these disputes involving Canadian seamen are not the concern of people in this country and the men should not allow themselves to be led into an action that can only bring loss and hardship to themselves and the rest of the community."

It is expected that all 7,000 men in the Royal and Surrey group of docks will have stopped work by tomorrow. An official of the London Dock Labour Board said that 2,400 London dockers are now out. Earlier today, nearly 1,000 stevedores walked out of one of the ship docks, where the Canadian ship, the Argonaut, is lying, leaving eight ships idle.

The other Canadian ship, the Beaverbrae, is in one of the Royal group of docks. The stevedores' strike followed allegations by the Canadian seamen that the stevedores rejected last Friday with the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company is not being kept—Reuter.

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BRITISH PROFIT AND LOSS IN FORMER MANDATE

London, June 29. Senior Government officials leave for Tel Aviv this week to help draw up a profit and loss account of Britain's former Palestine mandate.

A Colonial Office spokesman said that R. W. McGeagh, one time commissioner for local authorities in Palestine, and N. J. Hogan, who was the Solicitor-General of Palestine, are being temporarily attached to the staff of the Minister, A. K. Holm.

Millions of pounds, he said, are at stake in the Anglo-Israeli talks which began on July 1. The talks may lead to a settlement of the two countries' claims and counter-claims which have arisen out of Britain's term as the mandatory authority in the Holy Land.

Last February British-held Palestine assets were insufficient to cover liabilities which arose after this country ended its mandate on May 14, 1948. This was due largely to the fact that when Britain left the Holy Land, Palestine accounts showed a deficit exceeding \$3,000,000.

Since that time, Britain's agents in Palestine have collected a good deal of money owing to it.

Restrictions imposed by the Israeli Government on the movement of funds have held up transfer of these monies.

Liquidation of Claims
Next month's Tel Aviv talks will be concerned among other things with liquidating each country's claims on the other.

Britain, for instance, will ask compensation for capital assets in respect of buildings, installations and so on which the Israelis have taken over.

And Israel, on the other hand, is likely to call for compensation in respect of losses and damage sustained owing to the actions of British troops in Palestine.

Both sides will have to agree on what should be done about the payment of pensions to Palestine civil servants and public officials and about deposits standing to the credit of the former mandatory power.

The British delegation to the talks is expected to include officials of the Foreign Office and the Treasury.

Lausanne Talks
Meanwhile, in Lausanne, the heads of delegations to the Arab-Israeli peace talks are awaiting instructions from their governments as to whether to return for consultations during the adjournment in the conversations which begin on Friday.

An Israeli spokesman said today that Dr. Walter Eytan, chief of the delegation, still does not know whether he will return to Tel Aviv.

The Arab spokesman said the heads of the four Arab delegations are in communication with their Governments and should know soon.

The adjournment was called following a deadlock in the conversations. It will last until July 18.

The Commission's general sub-committee and committee on Jerusalem met this morning and will continue to meet during the adjournment. The committee on Jerusalem will draw up a report to the Commission on a plan for the future of the Holy City.

It has not been decided yet whether to establish two committees to discuss refugees and Israelis, as was suggested by Dr. Eytan. The Israeli spokesman said: "Our main position is that the talks should go on following the adjournment."—Associated Press and United Press.

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FOUR-POWER MEETING RESUMING IN BERLIN
Berlin, June 28.
Four Power talks are being revived here on Tuesday for a new try at thawing out the economic deadlock in divided Germany.

The deputy military governors of the United States, Britain, France and Russia fixed their first meeting of this series for Tuesday afternoon.

They are acting on orders issued by the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Council when it ended a month-long Paris session just a week ago.

The decision of the Foreign Ministers was to lay the basis for at least a way of living together that will afford economic traffic between the East and West zones of Germany and sectors of Berlin.

The dispute meeting coincides with the ending of the 37-day strike of anti-Communist union workers against the German railway system's Soviet management.

Trade Situation
The Allied control authority building, virtually deserted for years, the deputies meeting place. They made up the Allied Co-ordinating Committee that did the same work for the Four Power rule by the governments.

Western experts said the new deputies will probably plunge immediately into the trade sector talks—worth at least \$1 billion a year.

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CRISIS IN BRITAIN

It is no longer possible for the planners in London to disguise the fact that Britain is facing an economic crisis. The Socialists have done their part. They have taken the money away from those who had it, or tried to earn it, and given it to the deserving sansculottes whose votes put them into power, and who expected to have at least half of their needs provided free by a beneficent government. Meanwhile the theorists on nationalisation were accepting millions from capitalist America to support their fairy castle economy.

Now the cracks in the structure are becoming so apparent that they can no longer be ignored. Rumours about devaluation, whether originated by interested American bankers or not, the sensational drop in the stock market—to mention a few of the recent developments—are gradually making their effects felt, even in the strongholds of the TUC.

In New York, Sir Hartley Shawcross suggested that further austerities might be necessary in the United Kingdom in view of the serious situation. His words will not be welcomed by the rank and file, who for years had been told that all that was required was for labour to take over industry and to soak the rich, for everyone to swim around in milk and honey. It now appears that people have to work and produce goods, and at an economic price too, in order that they may live well.

It is true that our rapidly dropping sales in America are due to several causes: the devaluation rumours, which imply that if importers wait a month or two, they can obtain goods more cheaply, the partial slump and growing unemployment in the U.S., and not only to the unduly high prices of British goods. Sir Hartley, with an eye on the forthcoming election, naturally deplored any suggestion that wages should come down. In point of fact, the average working man at home does not receive an unduly high remuneration when the cost of living is considered, but whether he gives value for it is another matter. It is, however, true that increased productivity—revised methods and improved machinery—is the answer.

The "China Mail" seldom touches on the developing aspects of this matter, as the subject is uncomfortably gloomy, and the solution is not easy to find in the time available. Aid from America will not continue for ever, and little seems to be done in the interim except to multiply the slogans about the need to export or die. The hard facts are avoided; that it is impossible in the foreseeable future to balance trade with the hard currency area.

Believers in expansion of raw material sources, and markets for processed goods within the Commonwealth continue to be scoffed at by individuals who prefer to

PART IV: ROAD TO CALVARY

THE MINDSZENTY STORY



Age's Unexampled Crime BY THE VERY REV. DR. NICHOLAS BOER

all sense of direction, he does not know whether it is night or day, winter or summer. Immediately after such a period of solitary confinement he is questioned. Six or eight people are present to interrogate him, trying to discover his physical, mental and spiritual condition; either by promises of a shorter term in prison, or an improvement in his food, it is possible to force the desired confession from him. He has not succumbed to the "softening up" process, more drastic methods are employed. The Western Press have discussed, in connection with Cardinal Mindszenty's case, the employment of acetone. Some doctors even obliged the editors with the statement that this is quite an innocent stimulant and cannot cause any mental disturbance. Perhaps they have never applied a sufficiently large dose, or perhaps the Russians and their satellites have developed a new form of the drug. It is certain, according to Dr. Ifam, who experienced it himself, that acetone, in addition to the tortures already endured, creates in the victim a strong persecution mania. Now follows the so-called "Wall System." To stand facing a wall for two or three hours causes nausea, dizziness, partial blindness. You can produce this effect yourself even after a little as half an hour. Now imagine what effect such torture has if it is kept up for twenty-four or forty-eight hours! The legs and feet swell, shoes become thumpy, and the victim loses all physical and mental resistance. According to doctors, in this "negative stage," the prisoner is kept for days in a dark room under conditions that he repulses automatically to any question, rises or sits down, and the victim loses all the slightest hesitation; becomes an unconscious sleep-walker; a mere automaton. There is no sworn statement, no moving picture record of Cardinal Mindszenty's five weeks in the prison of the Hungarian Communist Gestapo; but no one can doubt that in the full possession of his will-power and consciousness he would never have written the pages reproduced in the Communist "Yellow Book."

New Martyrdom

As a human being I know that in a man who lives a well-developed spiritual and mental life the soul has full command over the weakness of the flesh. Providence made the instrument of the soul, and if it is incapacitated there is no servant to execute the soul's commands, no means through which the will can be made manifest. As a priest, I know that Divine Grace is able to perform miraculous changes, even in the weak human body and soul, but according to Catholic theology, this Grace does not eliminate, but lifts up nature. It builds upon nature. But when the physical basis has collapsed there is nothing from which the Divine Power can produce a miraculous spiritual phenomenon. The inscrutable and wise will of Divine Providence made an exception with Cardinal Mindszenty; perhaps just because God wished to vouchsafe a special glory to His great son, Mindszenty's spiritual greatness and heroic strength of character are even enhanced by the fact that he foresaw the collapse of his physical strength. Nevertheless he rejected flight and safety, and remained in Hungary; instead of changing his attitude, he stood firm. Perhaps this is a new, modern form of Christian martyrdom which history has never known before. Together with the heroes of the twentieth century, Divine Providence has brought this new glory to Christianity. The confessor of faith sacrifices not only his life, his physical being, but his moral individuality as well, for his convictions, for his Christian Catholic Faith which demands the whole man.

There is no sacred and sealed statement, no evidence that would stand up in a Western court of law as to what happened to Cardinal Mindszenty between December 23, 1948, and February 8, 1949. The torture-chambers keep their secrets, and we can only point to the patchy and disjointed evidence which, in this case, must replace the proof of facts. An equal air of mystery surrounds the trial. Never before in world history has a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church been treated with such scant justice. Never before have five years seen a sentence of imprisonment passed on a Prelate of the Catholic Church. If the confidential information is to be believed, there was at least one minister in the Hungarian Communist Government who wanted to make the trial, even shorter. But the left wing of Matthias Rakosi, the strict dictator of Hungary, suggested quite seriously that Cardinal Mindszenty should be

arrested, tried and executed all in the space of a single day. This was, however, too much even for the head of the Hungarian Communist Party and the Soviet representative in Hungary. So they compromised and agreed on five days.

World Reaction

The Hungarian Government cannot be surprised if the public opinion of the world judges its action by the rules of human common sense and the centuries-old laws of justice. Does anyone believe that the Mindszenty trial ended with the just sentence of an independent court, passed on the basis of proved charges? I cannot believe it. The charges, according to the Government statement, were substantiated by the secret documents found in the aluminium tube which the search of December 23, 1948, discovered in the cellars of the Primate's palace. Thereupon the Hungarian secret police acted with commendable despatch and arrested the Cardinal. This is a vulgar and blatant lie. During the summer of 1948, Julius Ortutay, the Hungarian Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, told me that the indictment of Cardinal Mindszenty was ready down to the very last point. In the summer of 1948 I was still the head of the Catholic Department of the Ministry of Education. It was by the orders of the Cardinal Primate that I stayed at his post; three times he told me to carry on with my work. Ortutay, who had shamefully betrayed his own religion and in his boundless ambition, had become the servile implement of the Communists, told me that the indictment included the last cent or dollar which I was to be alleged, the Cardinal had sold in the black market for money received as part of the aid entrusted to him by the Hungarian Catholics of America. Of course, the Minister of Education had no idea of principles or loyalty. The only reason I stayed on in the details of this already concocted indictment was that he knew my official and personal connection with the Cardinal and wanted to exert pressure through me upon him in favour of a "peaceful" agreement.

Naturally I only repeated these "helpful" threats to Andrew Zakar, the Cardinal's secretary, not wishing to molest the Primate with such ridiculous and ignominious slanders. Andrew Zakar remarked with a smile that all this was only aimless intimidation and threats as there was, of course, no basis for the charges of conspiracy or illegal currency transactions. No, the incriminating documents were certainly not found on December 23, 1948. For three years the Communists and their hirelings had been working unremittingly and deliberately to "prepare" the charges. At first they believed that the Primate of Hungary could be honest to the service of the Communist system, just as they succeeded in winning for their purposes a great many Hungarians with democratic ideas and blameless political pasts. With these men they used threats or dismissal and arrest having collected data about their past Communist attitude or certain details of their private lives. They really believed that they could disrupt the Hungarian Catholic Church by the same means and coerce her into the service of the system, as they had done, for instance, with the Shalldozs Party.

Null and Void

If the charges were so easy to prove why did they offer to Josef Cardinal Mindszenty the opportunity to escape abroad? Why was it necessary for the Hungarian Government to organise so-called protests of public opinion so that they should be "forced" to bring him to trial? They had no witnesses. Just because they had no evidence they had to use sinister and unimaginable methods to force the Cardinal to become his own accuser. A few days before his arrest, when he was already fully informed of the charges that were to be brought against him, Cardinal Mindszenty wrote to the Archbishop and to his Chapter. "As I have never taken part in any conspiracy, I shall never resign; I shall not talk. If after this you should hear that I have admitted this or that, that I have resigned my office, even if this is a question to the Hungarian people, you must know that such a declaration will not be an act of my free will; that it will only be the consequence of human frailty. In the same way I declare any confession imposed upon me from this date onwards null and void. Truly, even if other documents produced in the 'Yellow Book' and at the trial were absolutely genuine, they could not establish the charge of conspiracy."

espionage and treason. The only witness who confirmed the charges was the Cardinal himself. We have become familiar with this kind of trial only in the Soviet Union: such travesties of justice have never occurred in the history of civilised nations; and if the charges were clearly supported by incontestable evidence, why was it necessary to exclude from the trial the Hungarian public and the representatives of world public opinion?

The Communist system ascribes tremendous importance to propaganda and mass demonstrations. There is not the slightest doubt, therefore, that had they possessed the necessary evidence they would not have excluded, because of "lack of space," the Hungarian public and the representatives of the foreign Press at this trial which was staged most carefully to give a semblance of justice. Reuters were represented by Peter Furst, who had been expelled from Yugoslavia because as a loyal Communist he took the side of the Cominform against the Tito regime. Michael Byrne, the representative of Time, and Wilfred G. Burghel, correspondent of the Daily Express, the correspondents of France Soir and Agence France Presse were well known as friends of the so-called "Peoples' Democracies." The Communist Daily Worker was allowed to send a correspondent; the Basler Nachrichten and International News Service were served by their permanent Budapest correspondent who had written several articles against Mindszenty in his "Ugass," the official daily of the Smallholders' Party. The representative of Unity, the Italian Communist newspaper, was also granted a visa. These Communist or fellow-traveller journalists were all ready to sign a declaration demanded by the Press Department of the Hungarian Foreign Office to the effect that their work had been uncensored and free. But if the Press was supposed to have every facility and unrestricted freedom, why was the request of the Abbe Gaus, the Left-Wing French Deputy, refused when he asked for an interview with Cardinal Mindszenty without official supervision? All the abbe wanted was to hear his "voluntary confession" from the Cardinal's own lips. Why was another suggestion denied—to have the Cardinal examined by an international committee of doctors? Why were the British and American Legations in Budapest banned from sending representatives to the trial? Why was it necessary to refuse visas to the vast majority of foreign journalists who were not already in Budapest at the time of the trial? If convincing proof of the Primate's guilt was forthcoming, all these tricks and evasions would not have been necessary. When the Hungarian legations in Paris and Rome held Press conferences about the "Yellow Book," why was it impossible to address a single question to the Hungarian spokesmen? Obviously, because a single question would have led to the collapse of the whole elaborate structure of forgery and falsehood.

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The Chinese Communist Army is the most chaste of all armies of all times, says a Tientsin report. And the National Army is the most chaste.

Quite a flurry is believed to have been caused in nominated circles by a canon that the Reform Club was thinking of affiliating with the Ku Klux Klan.

If Ankara gets Economic Aid, the first commodity to appear in bulk will, of course, be Turkish delight.

Some Sow, Others Reap
Poachers have rifled the oyster-beds of Japan's culture pearl king.

For Mikimoto many a pearly yam

The dark unfathomed caves of Ocean bore
Until the day some most misguided men,
Ho found, had fathomed them
A bit before.

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Once curates only looked for
tea—now they get tea-money.

Why Go Grey Early?
Another thing when our Government department heads don't have to listen to the nominated members any more, they won't feel the need of retiring at 45.

Mrs. Stewart of the Eras used to recall meeting an old crone who had settled in Blackpool. "We're doing fine," the friend reported. "My daughter was the light rope walker at the circus, but she's no able for that now, being a bit on the heavy side, so she's the body-less woman."

Latest On The Blockade
Who is that lean, Napoleonesque figure in full uniform standing in the sternsides of a sampan as he cruises off the port of Foochow, sweeping the horizon with his spyglass in sight of a blockade-running line-julcer? By that broom at his waist there can be no doubt. It is the Admirallissimo again, with the last, loyal remnant of his fleet.

See, over the dancing blue waters, the battle comes bobbing. With practiced hand he scoops it, in drawing the cork with his teeth in best Baltimore style, as he holds the dreaded Chiang Kai-shek, terror of the China Coast. Reading what is writ within his rowdy drunks.

"Avast there!" he roars at the common "Huluto" first stop! Without wasting time he commences to load a jingal with pot-eggs, silver dollars and what have you, for word has come that another scoundrelly Greasemeadow freighter is attempting to land a cargo of contraband kilm for Communist kids.

See, Scornful "face" he even seizes an oar in his own hands for he must make the blockade effective at all costs, and, haring on the coast, the first two thousand kilometres are the worst. Manfully he struggles to make more speed, his heavy six foot cutlass insisting on getting in the way.

But what is this? Suddenly the sky darkens. It is a cloud of defected P 51s flying in that peculiar formation of a five pointed star which shows that they belong to the Liberated Air Force.

Will they see the Admirallissimo and his tin craft?

Suddenly the sea is empty! A shimmering expanse of nothingness (broken only by the smoke from the funnels of 10,000 blockade-running vessels around the coast, carrying at their mastheads every houseflag known to Hong Kong's prays).

Once again the Phantom of Fenghua has eluded his enemies and faded away from their view in his favourite cloud of hot air.

LONDON DISCUSSING RECOGNITION ISSUE

Decision In Few Days On China Communists BELLIGERENT STATUS

London, June 27.

The British Commonwealth countries may recognise the Chinese Communists as a belligerent power as a result of the coastal blockade proclaimed by the Nationalists.

The entire question is understood to be under review not only with her Dominions but with the United States as well. The British decision is expected within a few days.

British experts feel that the Nationalists erred in proclaiming the closure of ports over which they no longer have effective control. It will harm the British commercial interests in China without bringing the Nationalists any military advantages, they say.

CHINESE MINISTER CONFIDENT

Manila, June 28.

The Chinese Minister, Mr. Chen Chih-ping, who returned last night from China, said the Nationalists have established a defence line in South China and are confident they will be able to hold Canton.

The defence line runs West to East across Hunan province, he said.

Mr. Chen, who spent about four weeks visiting Canton and Taiwan, said that in the event that Canton falls, the National Government will probably be transferred to Chungking and plans have been made for such an eventuality.

Morale is high in South China as well as in Taiwan, he claimed.

Asked about military operations, Mr. Chen said the Nationalists have been able to capture certain towns in Shensi province. It is pretty quiet in the Hunan area, he added.

The Minister declined to discuss the newly-imposed Nationalist coastal blockade.

Asked whether Chiang Kai-shek is taking an active part in the direction of Chinese affairs, Mr. Chen replied that Chiang has now returned and is apparently living in Taiwan.—United Press.

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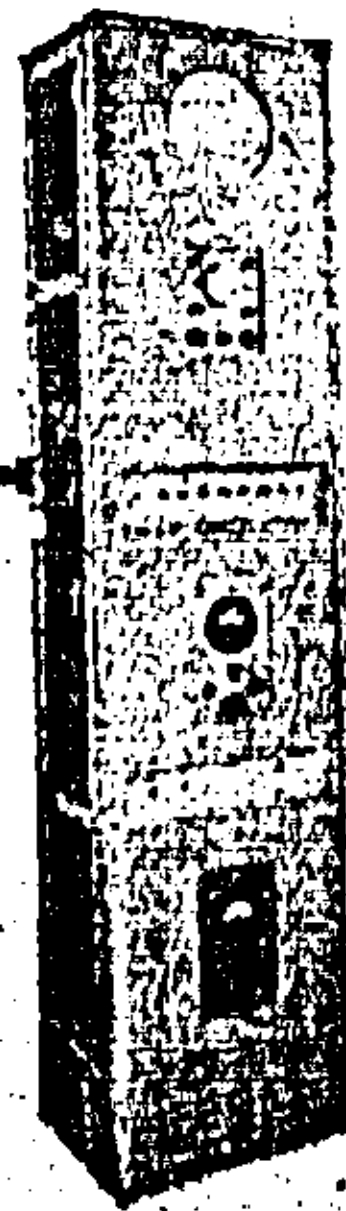
London, June 27.

Some of Britain's leading architects and surveyors will sail on July 10 with plumbers, bricklayers and carpenters to find out whether the rapid building methods used in the United States can be effectively used in the British post-war housing programme.

A team of 16, representing supervisory, technical and workshop sections of the British building industry, will spend six weeks in the United States under the auspices of the Anglo-American Council on Productivity.—Reuter.

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JAP WAR CRIMINALS Surprise Ruling In Washington

Washington, June 28.

Six months after he aided with the U.S. Supreme Court majority in denying a hearing to convicted Japanese war criminals, Justice William O. Douglas handed down an opinion yesterday forming the December action potentially dangerous.

At the same time, he practically invited those serving prison terms for war crimes to raise the issue in lower American courts as to whether they are being legally held.

Justice Douglas in his long-deferred opinion, labelled international military tribunals such as the one at Tokyo that convicted Japan's wartime Premier, Hideki Tojo, and 24 other warlords—solely an instrument of political power.

"Although Mr. Douglas said he still assumes that the Supreme Court lacks power to review the judgments of such courts, he added:

"It leaves practically no room for judicial scrutiny of this new type of military tribunal which is involving... leaves the power of tribunals absolute. Prisoners held under its mandates may have appeal to the conscience or mercy of an executive but they apparently have no appeal to law."

The High Court's decision last December 20 sealed the fate of Tojo and six other top Japanese war lords. They were executed two days later. Eighteen others still are serving prison sentences.

Can Decide

At the time of the December 20 decision, Justice Douglas said he would hand down his opinion later. Justice Wiley Rutledge reserved decision and said he would announce his vote later. It has not been announced to date. Justice Robert H. Jackson, who helped prosecute the German war criminals, took no part in the case.

Justice Douglas' action in apparently inviting a new court test came about this way:

He said that while the Supreme Court lacks power to review decisions of international tribunals, other American courts can decide whether those convicted by such tribunals are being legally held—provided their jailer is an American.

"If an American general holds a prisoner, our legal process can reach him where ever he is," Justice Douglas declared. "To that extent, at least, the constitution follows the flag. It is no defence for him to say that he acts for the Allied power. He is an American citizen who is performing functions for our Government. It is our constitution which he supports, and defends. If there is evasion or violation of its obligations, it is not defence that he acts for another nation."

Habeas Corpus

Justice Douglas said the way to bring such a test is to file an application for a writ of habeas corpus in the U.S. District Court for the district of Columbia.

Saying the issues in the Japanese case should have been tried in the lower court, Mr. Douglas added:

"It is the historic function of the writ (of habeas corpus) to examine into the cause of restraint of liberty. We should not allow that inquiry to be thwarted merely because the jailer acts not only for the United States, but for other nations as well."

As Supreme Allied Commander of Japan, General Douglas MacArthur was named defendant in the appeal of the convicted Japanese. But that action was brought directly in the high tribunal without a ruling in any lower American court.—Associated Press.

Renewed Riots In Calcutta

Calcutta, June 27.

Demonstrators, 100 of them, who defied Calcutta's ban on processions by trying to march into the Bengal Secretariat, in the heart of the city, today were Communist-inspired, according to police officials.

The demonstrators, who pelted the police with stones and bricks, shouted slogans protesting against police firing on Communist prisoners who mutilated in Calcutta jails. The procession was dispersed with tear gas bombs and lathis (staves).

An assistant Police Commissioner and seven policemen were injured in a clash with strikers earlier today at an American-owned factory in North Calcutta, where workmen have been striking because some of their demands have not been met by the management.

The factory remained open.

Eight were killed and several were injured in a week-end clash between farm hands and landowners 40 miles from Benares on the borders of the Mirzapur district (the United Provinces) and Benares State.

The labourers, after refusing to transport manure, attacked two villages belonging to the landowners and set a number of houses on fire.—Reuter.

Britain's Dependence On America

Washington, June 27.

Britain is now dependent on the United States to help her control the seas, according to Admiral Richard Connolly, Commander of the United States naval forces in the Eastern Mediterranean.

"It is obvious that the British Navy is the smallest in size and comparative strength that it has been in centuries," he said in a copyrighted interview in the United States News and World Report, an independent weekly news magazine published here.

Admiral Connolly believed the Royal Air Force is also much below the strength Britain would like to have it.

"They know that they should have more—but they just believe that they cannot afford to have more," he said.—Reuter.

Ontario, June 28.

Dr. Lillian Margery Peniston of the University of London, the only woman Vice-Chancellor of any Commonwealth university, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters at a special convocation at the University of West Ontario.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S POLICY IN CHINA

London, June 27.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, today denied that the British Government's policy is anti-Chinese.

This is the reverse of the truth, he said.

Replying to a question asked by Mr. John Langford-Holt, Conservative, in the House of Commons, Mr. Mayhew said: "Our policy is to maintain friendly relations with the Chinese people and I should like to take the opportunity of making it clear that the statement that the policy of the British Government is anti-Chinese is the reverse of the truth."—Reuter.

BACKS JAP ADMISSION TO ILO

Geneva, June 28.

Mr. David A. Morse, Director General of the International Labour Organisation, today urged that Japan be re-admitted as a full member of the organisation.

Mr. Morse told a plenary session of the 32nd International Labour Conference:

"I am confident that I am reflecting the views of the conference when I express the hope that we shall soon welcome Japan back into this organisation as a full and independent member of the community of nations."

The Japanese delegation at the current conference has only observer status and is not entitled to vote.

Mr. Morse said that the International Labour Organisation should study the possibility of assuming responsibility for displaced persons and refugees after the International Refugee Organisation and the United Nations Refugee Relief Administration go out of existence.

The International Refugee Organisation is expected to terminate its activities at the end of June 1950 when, according to IRO estimate, some 170,000 refugees will remain in IRO-operated camps in Europe.—Associated Press.

Londoners Sweater In Heat Wave

London, June 27.

London sweltered today when the temperature rose to 89 degrees—the highest this summer—and Southern England entered its fifth day of official "drought" after being without rain for 15 days.

The remainder of Britain has had no rain since June 12. If there is no rain before tomorrow morning—the Meteorological Office forecast is fine and warm—the whole of Britain will be in a state of "absolute drought."

Thousands of London workers took their sandwiches to lunch to shady spots near the Thames and to the city's open spaces.

The high day temperatures followed a warm night in which London's midnight temperature was 56 degrees—four degrees above the year's previous highest midnight temperature.—Reuter.

BRITAIN GIVES AN ASSURANCE

Atlanta, Georgia, June 27.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the British Attorney-General, today assured the United States that American Marshall aid dollars are not being used to finance social services in Britain.

In an address on the state of the British nation he told the English Speaking Union here: "No part of our expenditure on the social services has been financed out of dollar aid, and the development of the services, out of taxation, represents a redistribution of incomes in accordance with what, rightly or wrongly, we think are the proper conceptions of social justice."

Describing Britain's economic plight, Sir Hartley said that the prices of necessities which Britain has to buy have gone up more in proportion than those of the things which Britain has to sell.—Reuter.

WAVELL IN RUHR

Hamburg, June 28.

Field Marshal Lord Wavell today watched troops of the first battalion of the Black Watch training in the Ruhr. Lord Wavell is Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment.

He will inspect the air lift and visit troops in Berlin during his short visit to Germany.—Associated Press.

Soviet Agency Is Given Immunity

London, June 27.

The Court of Appeal ruled today that Tass, the Soviet official news agency, enjoys immunity as a department of a sovereign State, and can not be sued in a British court.

The Court dismissed an appeal by Mr. Vladimir Kravina, a Czech refugee and former Prague University professor, from a court order setting aside service of a libel writ by Mr. Kravina against Tass.

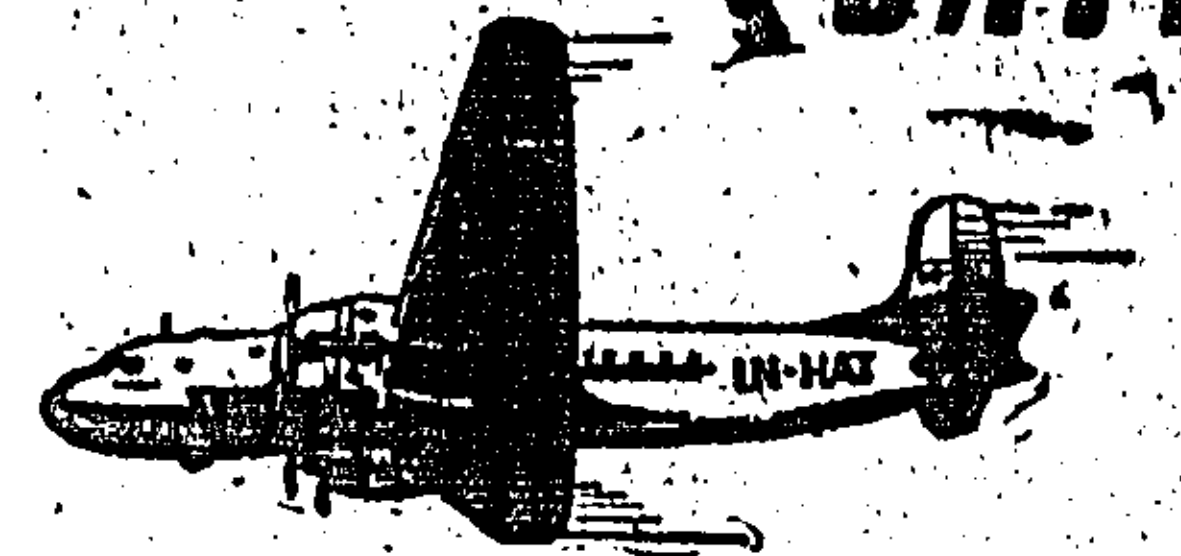
Leave of appeal to the House of Lords was granted. It was stated that a certificate had been given by the Russian Ambassador in London to the effect that the Tass Agency is an organ of the Soviet State, and on that ground service of the writ had been set aside by a Magistrate and the decision affirmed by Mr. Justice Birkett in Chambers on December 10 last year. It was from the Judge's order that the appeal was brought.

Lord Justice Cohen said that in the light of the Soviet Ambassador's certificate in this case, the Court is bound to come to the conclusion that Tass is a department of the Soviet State, though whether or not it had been given a separate juridical existence is another matter.

The translation of the Soviet decree establishing Tass, said that the Tass Agency enjoys all the rights of a juridical person.

Mr. Kravina issued a writ against the Tass Agency last May claiming damages for alleged libel contained in the Soviet Monitor of May 7, 1948, in an article headed "Betrayed British troops to Gestapo," and an injunction to restrain the defendants from further publishing or circulating any similar matter.—Reuter.

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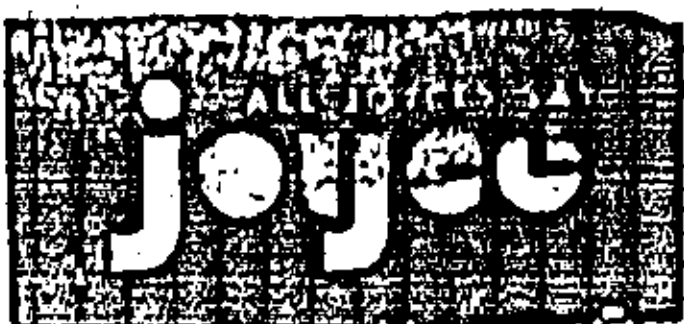
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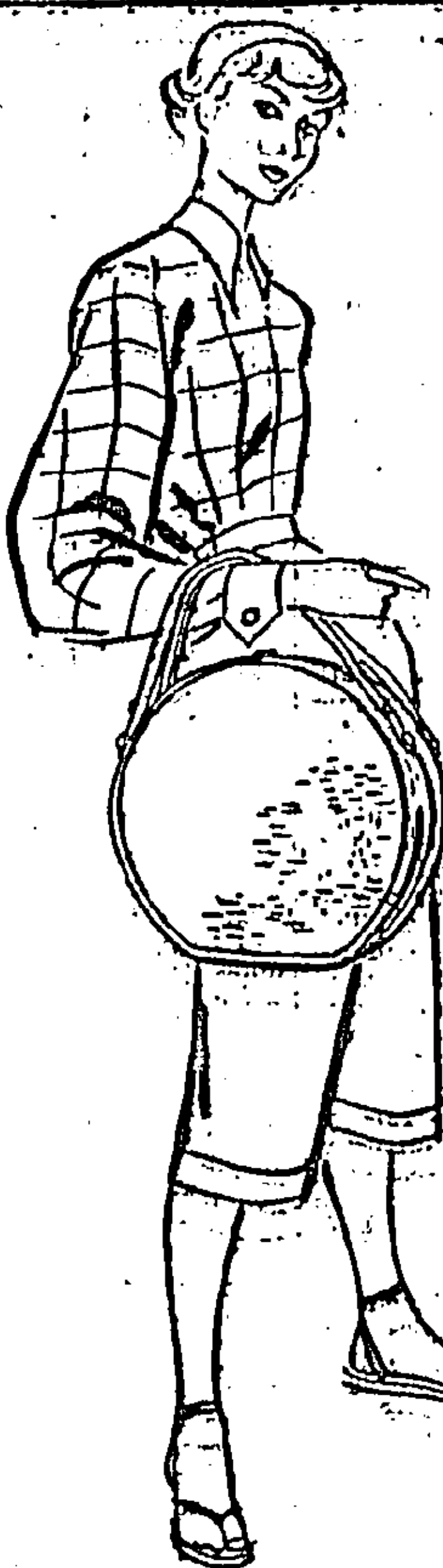
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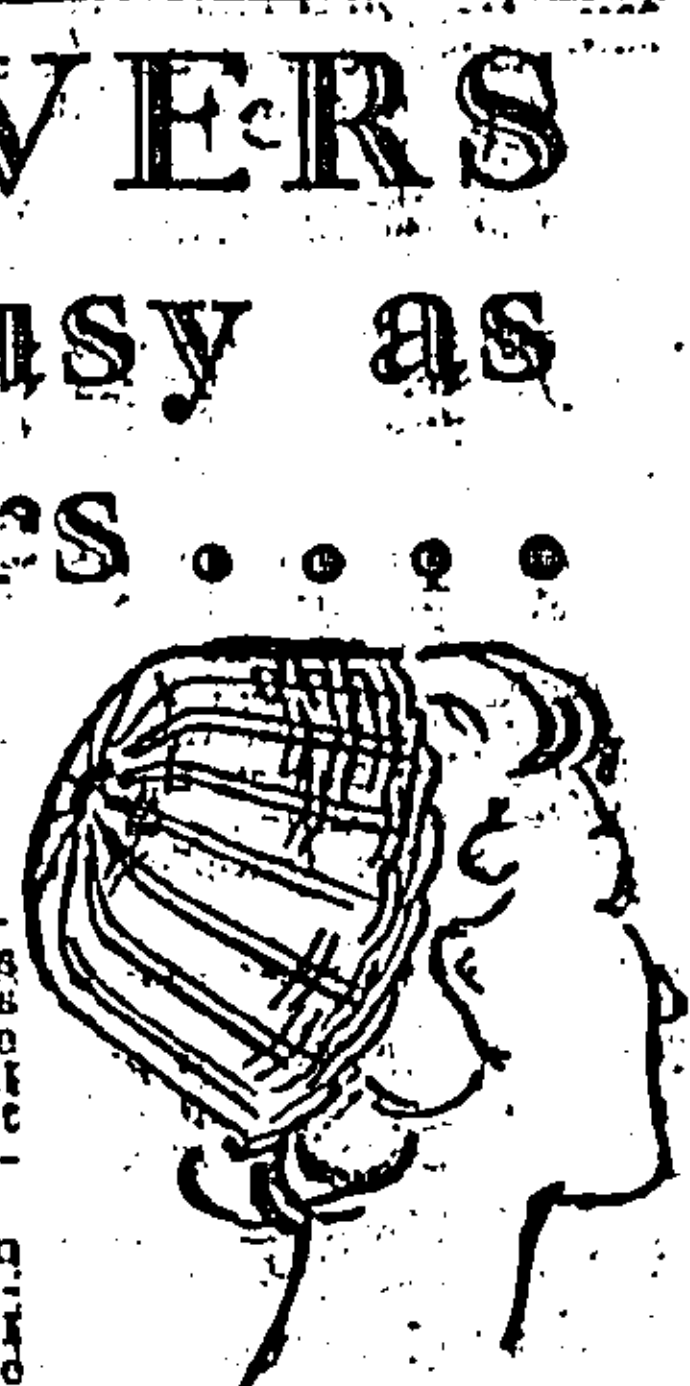
EDNA MCKENNA
TALKING
FASHIONS



A NEW craze for wicker-
work accessories is
keeping the basket makers
busy. Women love the
clean lines and natural
colouring, both so right
with this season's cool-
looking clothes.

At a London cotton
parade wickerwork acces-
sories stole the show. I
noticed a cheery little
wickerwork fez for less
than £2 10s. A sum-
mer's cap, provided with
a space for a gay head
scarf, cost £1 10s. 2d. On
a sunny day it would be
the ideal hat for either
town or country.

A bandbox-sized wicker-
work bag to sling over
one's shoulder was perfect
for the beach. It would
take everything needed—
towel, bathing suit, sewing
kit and a novel. The
price was £4 10s. 6d.
Most amusing of
all was a hat-cum-
bag. It had a
wickerwork frame, and
long stocking-like attach-
ment in gaily-coloured
cotton, and was designed
to act as either hat or bag.



As a hat it had a vaguely
washbuckling appear-
ance. Its cost? Less than
£2 10s.

The fashion for wicker-
work has even invaded
the home.

Do you remember those
comfortable, but crummy
wickerwork armchairs
that used to reside in the
kitchen or nursery? They
usually had a decided and
rather portly list.

Miniature versions of
these are the newest idea
in lounge furniture. They
go with the hot-topped,
wickerwork coffee table.

One old Sussex crafts-
man, whose family has
been specializing in a
wickerwork furniture for



the past two hundred
years, tells me that he has
rarely been so busy over
the last twenty years.
Girls in New York, in-
cidentally, are making
their own wickerwork
handbags by using fruit
baskets. The basket forms
the base and the top half
is made from chintz with
a drawing at the neck.
The wickerwork part can
be lined with chintz too.
It's an idea we could copy
here.



Wearing wickerwork is
all right provided you can
carry it off, says

THE UNDERDOG

Queen Mary:

WOMAN OF THE CENTURY

London.
As the dark limousine swung
slowly through the gates recently,
the lady in powder-grey inter-
rupted her conversation with
other occupants of the car to bow
graciously to a girl on the kerbside.
The girl, who had been half-
lounging and staring back with
the almost imperturbable lack of
manners of her generation,
straightened, then dipped into a
curtsy. She was blushing.

I watched the car turn the
corner from Marlborough House
in the direction of Buckingham
Palace and wondered. Did
Queen Mary know that her
gesture the tiny incident re-
peated so many hundreds of
times during each year was an-
other lesson of courtesy?

Her face was grave, but was
there not a twinkle in her eyes,
an understanding of the girl who
did not mean to do reverence, yet
could not help herself because—
This was Queen Mary?

She has seen a hundred thou-
sand deep genuflections and
sweeping bows—but that invol-
untary curtsy was as true a
tribute as any to her power over
our hearts.

Pride And Faith

What has she meant to us
throughout the years?

To the older generation she
stands for courage and endur-
ance, principles, pride and faith.
To younger people the straight
figure in toque and fur, leaning
slightly on a cane or parasol, is
our history, our vision of serene
age.

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eyes are a challenge to our
strength. She has seen so much,
and suffered unbowed. She is
the Grandmother of England.

Paradoxically, Queen Mary is
also one of the most modern-
minded women in the country.
No one could be more wholly
part of the century—more closely
in touch with any mechanical
improvement, new device, pro-
blem play, controversial book.

Landgirls, for instance, or ken-
nel maids, girls working in rabbit
farming or in canning fruit and
drying vegetables, owe their

By **INGRID
ETTER**

careers to Queen Mary's direct
interest in women's work many
years ago.

The first landgirls were her
girls, trained in Hertfordshire
during the first World War.

Little Princess Mary of Teck,
who described herself in those
far-off days when she was
growing up in Queen Victoria's
early home, at Kensington Palace
as very naughty, very happy and
very uninteresting, has never
tried to escape from the disci-
pline and responsibility of her
Victorian upbringing in a not
wealthy family which contained
three younger brothers.

Today she will be busy, rising
early to read, personally the
thousands of greetings Mar-
lborough House is receiving from
all over the world, and then
dealing with her children and
grandchildren at Buckingham
Palace.

She is finding time, at last,
after a life-time of service, for
those things which she was al-
ways loved books, needlework,
and collecting, quiet informally.
Nearly every week you could
see her, accompanied only by a
lady-in-waiting, entering a Kil-
burn cinema, to see the pro-
gramme of the day. Or her
Daughter will draw up outside a
small shop, probably one special-
izing in antiques, while she slips
unobtrusively inside to enjoy
shopping.

'Here I Am'

Such informality is in keeping
with her love of spontaneous
gestures.

From a Poor Law Institution an
old woman once wrote in 1932:
"If only I could see you once."
Queen Mary's answer was a
prompt visit and greeting: "Here
I am."

Many an ex-soldier still re-
members the medical for he was given
when he thumbed a lift during
the war years and was picked up
by the car with its Royal occu-
pant.

However humble some of the
tributes she receives may be she
will remember each one.

Once, before the war, while
motoring through the East End,
she insisted on stopping in a
small street and asking for a
local tradesman.

On her birthday the year be-
fore he had sent her a bouquet
on behalf of his neighbours.
Queen Mary had called to say
thank you.

Queen Mary has never allowed
the deep personal sorrows she has
known to deflect her sense of
dedication to the people.
During the last illness of King
George she overcame her anxiety
in order to make public appear-
ances in his stead, and to fight
those engagements to which he
was committed.

Their marriage of deep hap-
piness and unity lasted over 40
years. King George called her
"My constant helpmate."

She has seen, too, the birth of
her first great-grandchild, and
those who thronged the Palace
gates, saw the tears of joy as she
drove away after her first sight
of Prince Charles.

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of her charm and natural dignity
to the loving example of her
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RECIPE

Peanut Tart

- 1 tablespoon tapioca.
- 1/4 cup castor sugar.
- Pinch salt.
- 1/4 cup cold water.
- 1 cup golden syrup.
- 3 eggs.
- 2 tablespoons butter or mar-
garine.
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.
- 3/4 cup shelled peanuts.
- 1 pastry shell.

Partly cook tapioca and com-
bine with sugar and salt in sauce-
pan. Stir in cold water and
golden syrup. Boil five minutes,
stirring. Remove from heat and
pour gradually over slightly-
beaten eggs, stirring. Stir in but-
ter or margarine and vanilla; cool.
Sprinkle coarsely-chopped pean-
uts over bottom of pastry shell.
Pour in cooled filling. Bake in
hot oven for 10 minutes; reduce
heat to moderate and bake for 25
minutes, or until a knife inserted
in centre of filling comes out
clean.

Banana Cream Tart

- 1/2 cup cornflour.
 - 2-3 cup sugar.
 - 1 teaspoon salt.
 - 2 cups milk scalded.
 - 2 egg yolks.
 - 2 tablespoons butter or mar-
garine.
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.
 - 2 or 3 sliced bananas.
 - 1 baked pastry shell.
- Mix cornflour, sugar and salt;
gradually add milk. Cook in
double boiler till thick, stirring
constantly. Slowly add small
amount of hot mixture to slightly-
beaten egg yolks; stir into remain-
ing hot mixture. Cool five
minutes. Cool, add butter or
margarine and vanilla. Slice
bananas into cooled, baked pastry
shell and pour over cooled filling.
Garnish with dairy whip and
sliced bananas.

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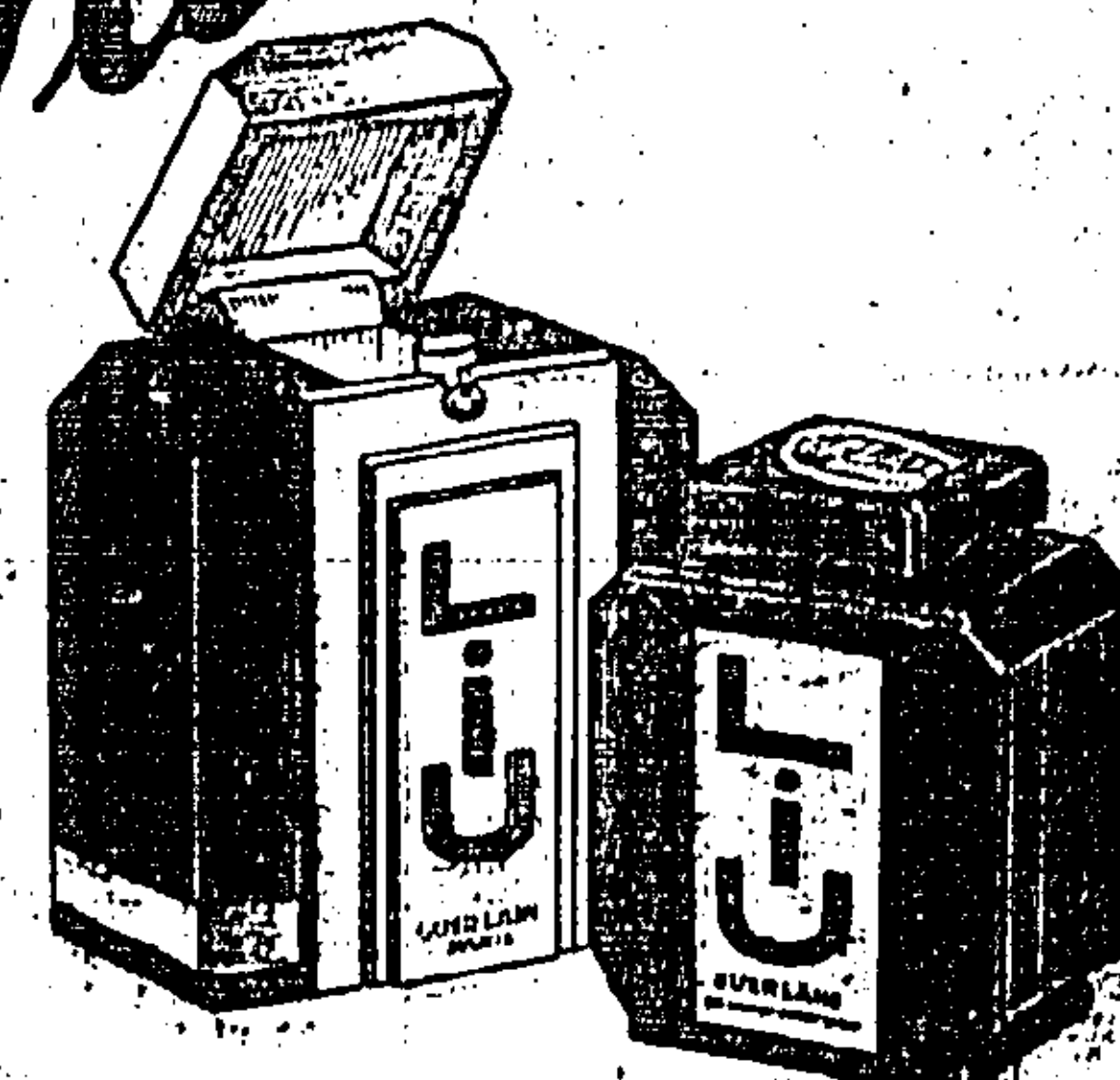
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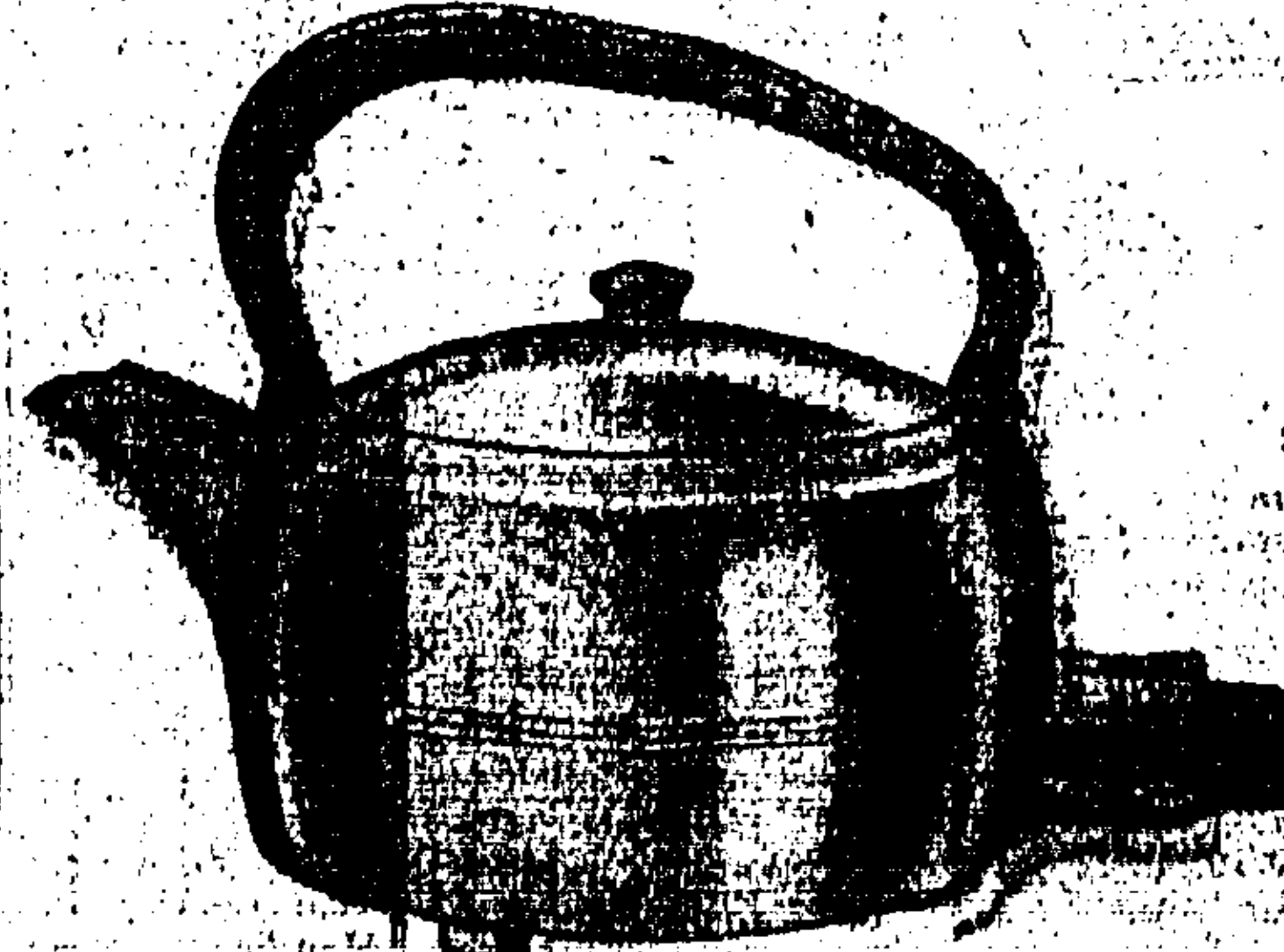
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TEEN AGE TOPICS



Writing As A Career

By BETTY BETZ

"I want to be a writer..." decided many young people who think that this particular career is about the next easiest and glamorous to being a movie star.

Well, Betz it might seem glamorous at times but if you talk to a few novelists or news writers, you'll find out an amazing thing: Almost all writers (even the successful ones) find writing very difficult!

The best way to get a start, naturally, is to write for your school magazine, covering the local parties, clubs and activities.

This gives you experience not only in reporting your observations accurately, but also in meeting those gruesome deadlines!

Now, supposing you're bringing home excellent report cards in English and your Mum and Dad think your essays are just wonderful. Ah... that's nice, but if you ever plan to sell a piece of writing, you should have a good literary background as well as ability and ambition.

Study the short stories of famous writers and read, read, read, all of the good old and new literature.

For practice in observation, write short sketches about people and places you know.

The truth is always the easiest to write, and as soon as you get carried away by writing about fictitious people, your stories will be boring to write and boring to read.

Even though it may not sound very relative, the best experience is to practice copywriting for advertisements.

If you can make a pair of ordinary tennis sneakers sound attractive in three lines of copy, then you're on the road to becoming a writer.

In summing up the qualifications of a writing career, you must have a knack for writing, you must have something to say, and you must be able to put your ideas over in a simple manner. And when you're qualified, there's just an added something which is most

important in becoming a successful writer—and that is to develop a style which is your own.

Now... does it still sound like fun? I hope so!

Speaking personally, even though writing is not easy, it gives me more satisfaction than any other work... that is like right now... after I've finished my column!

Editorial

Many of you will no doubt remember the recent visit of Miss Betty Betz to the Colony. Miss Betz was on a world tour, studying the life and likes of teen agers of various countries with a view to telling about them all in a book.

The Topics have now received this book. And from next week, we will be publishing Miss Betz's articles on the various places she has visited.

Her travels began in New York, across the States to San Francisco, via Honolulu, her first stop overseas, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Manila, Bangkok, India and so on to the countries in Europe, England and back again to New York.

We will be publishing an article each week on each place Miss Betz visited, geographically round the world.

As a form of introduction, today's article by Betty Betz may perhaps be suitable, as many of our teen age friends have expressed their desire to becoming journalists, novelists or writers of some kind.

Platter Chatter

The records used for last Friday's Teen Time were:

Theme Song: South Rampart Street on Parade by the RAF Band.

Woody Woodpecker: Danny Kaye and the Andrews Sisters. On a Slow Boat to China: Ray Kyser. All the Cats Join In: Benny Goodman. Buttons and Bows: Dinah Shore.

Dickey Bird Song: Freddy Martin. Pass That Peacepipe: Bing Crosby. Opus No. 1: Tommy Dorsey. Cornbelt Symphony: Jack Smith. Love Somebody: Doris Day and Buddy Clark.

No general agreement has yet been reached on a theme song but the final choice has been narrowed down between two tunes: South Rampart Street on Parade or All the Cats Join In.

Miss Norma Stevens has been appointed permanent M.C. and I am sure we have no one better fitted for the post.

It is the aim of Teen Time to bring you something new or unusual every week beside presenting your favourite tunes.

This week, for example, we have a very unusual disc called Jungle Fantasy by Ray Morales, the world's most unique flutist. Mor-

ales had developed tone and technique which is remarkable. Another record which I believe you have not heard is Louis Armstrong's Blues in the South. It is one of the finest examples of blues singing by "Satchmo".

Turn on your Redifusion at nine p.m. on Friday for "Teen Time's" "Something Old and Something New, Something Borrowed and Something Blue" and you will hear:

Emporor Waltz: Bing Crosby. Jungle Fantasy: Ray Morales. Bumble Boogie: Freddy Martin and/or Jack Pina. Blues in the Night: Dinah Shore. When Your Hair Has Turned to Silver: Perry Como. I Never Had a Dream Come True: Ink Spots. Moon Love: Glenn Miller (Ray Eberle vocal). Blues in the South: Louis Armstrong.

Time permitting we will play A Satire on a Mozart Opera by Victor Borge.

Our Request Programme is arranged for Friday week but as time is very limited, only the first nine requests received will be played. Please address your requests to TEEN TIME care of Redifusion.

The Wren

Personality TIT BITS

Our personality this week is 17-year-old Ken Baker, a teen ager who plays lawn bowls.

Ken was born in Bournemouth, England, and has his birthday on March 24. He lived all his life in England until coming out to the Colony in 1947.

Ken went to school here at the King George V School, leaving at Christmas last year. He is now taking a private course in structural engineering.

His major sport is football. Ken plays a good game of soccer, a fact shown when he turned up regularly for the Hong Kong Foot-

ball Club's second team during the past season. Ken will be playing for the Club's First XI when the soccer season begins again.

Ken's other sports include tennis, cricket and swimming; his other pastimes: reading adventure stories, jazz music and stamp collecting.



KEN BAKER

As from the next issue, Teen Age Topics will be found on page 11 of the "China Mail," where we will be having not only more space but also a better and more balanced layout.

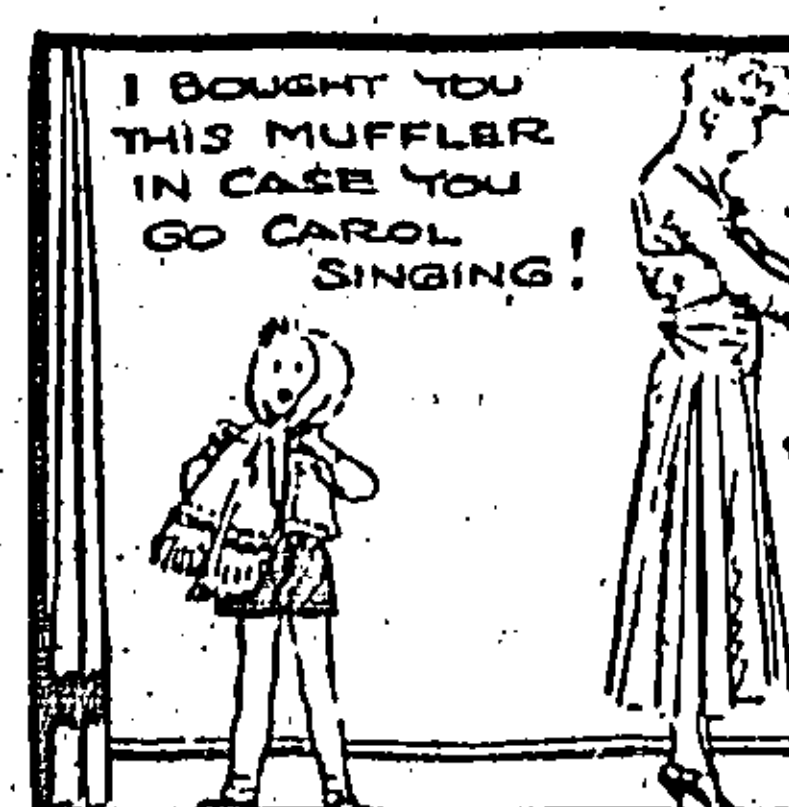
The main idea of the "stretch" is for you teen agers to have more voice and opinion in the page. So, when you have anything to report about your own sets, whether it be a party or a group, send it in and let's know about it.

Redifusion's Teen Time programme is getting better each week thanks to the assistance of the teen agers themselves. The "WREN," who is helping the team out with selections of programs and of course, to Redifusion.

The "WREN" reports in its column today that Norma Stevens will be the permanent emcee for TEEN TIME. We'll be listening in, Norma!

Will those who wish to take part in the Teen Age programme please send in your name by address to us, advising also, how we may contact you?—Always glad to hear new voices, you know!

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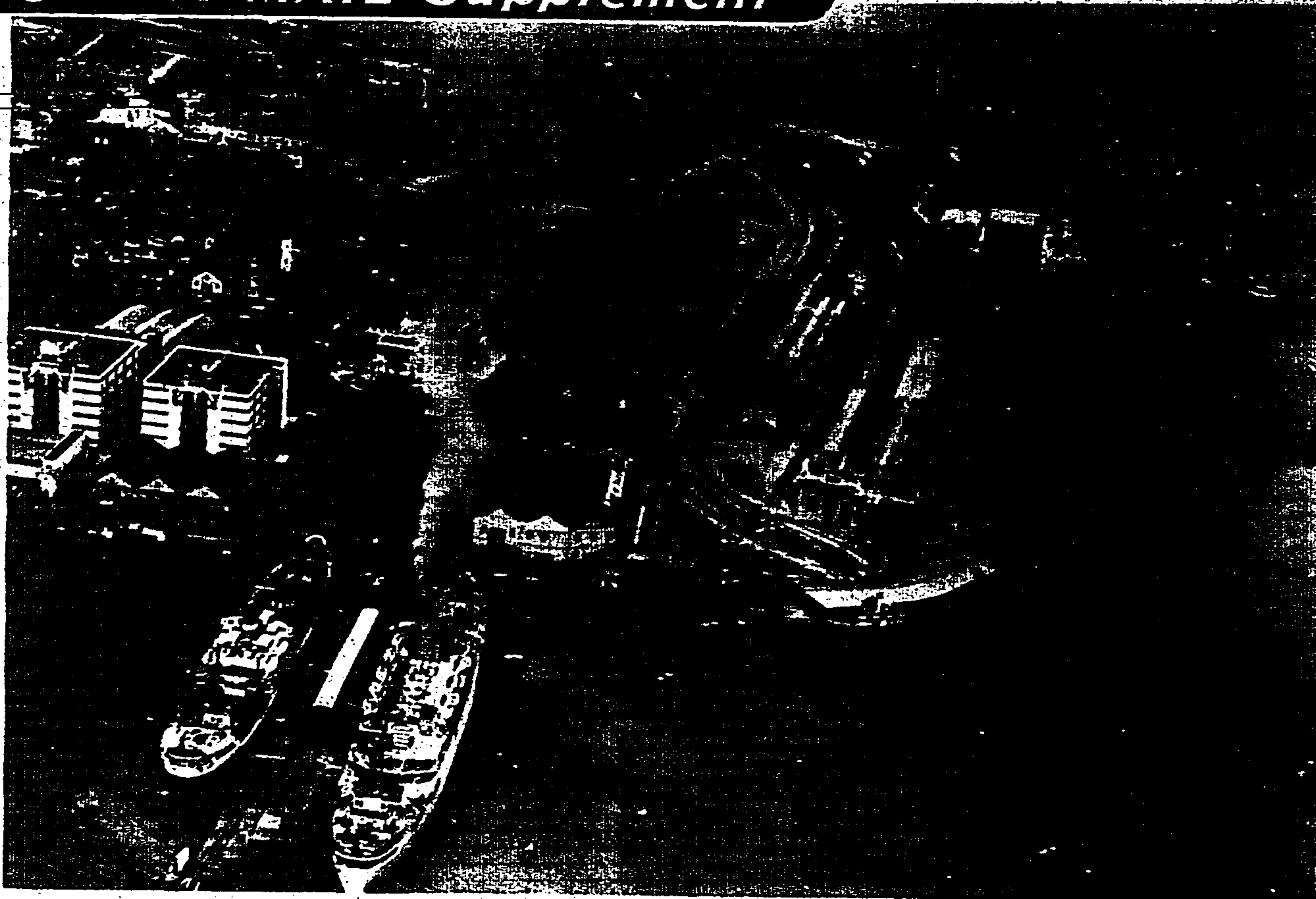
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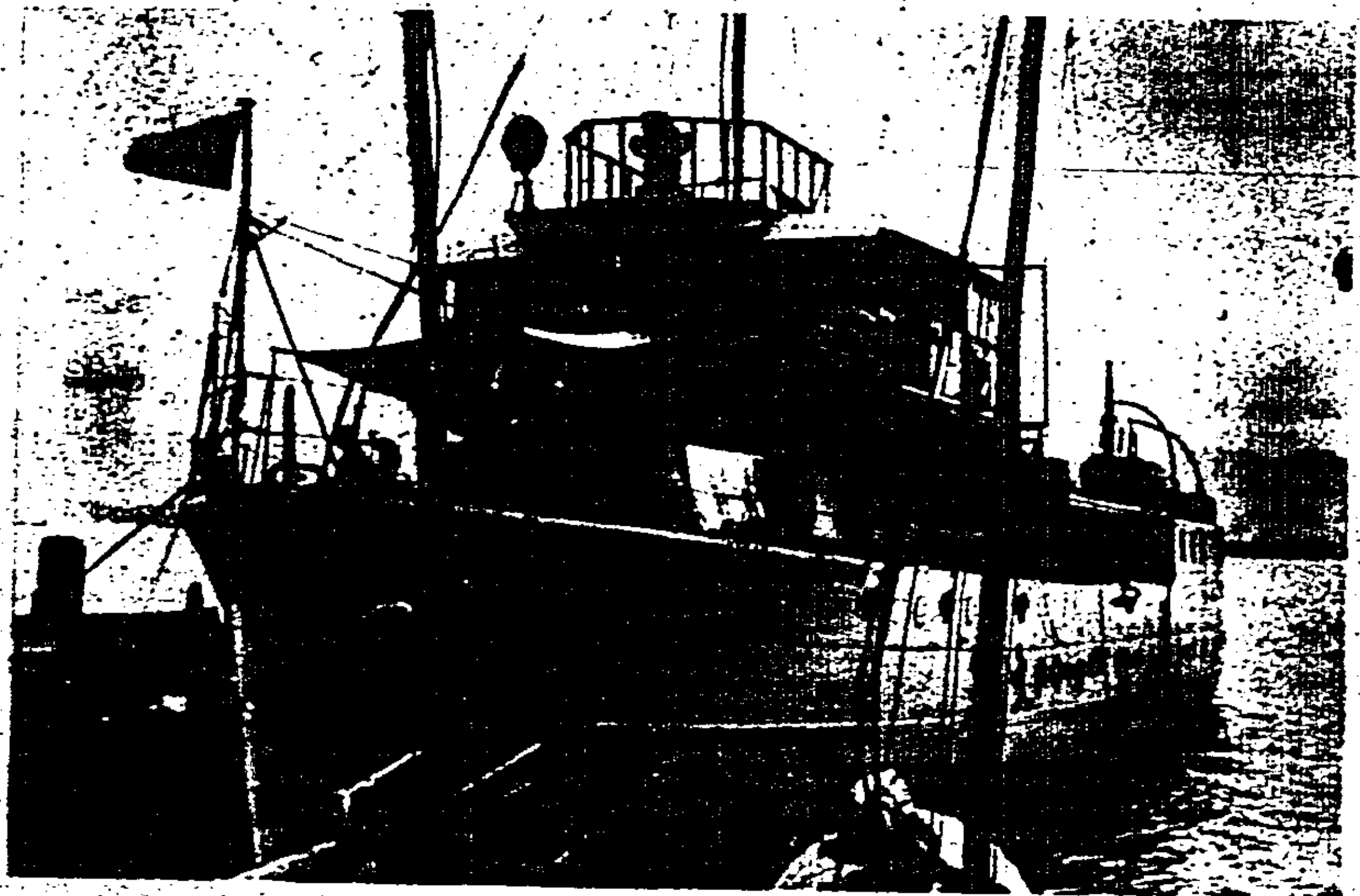
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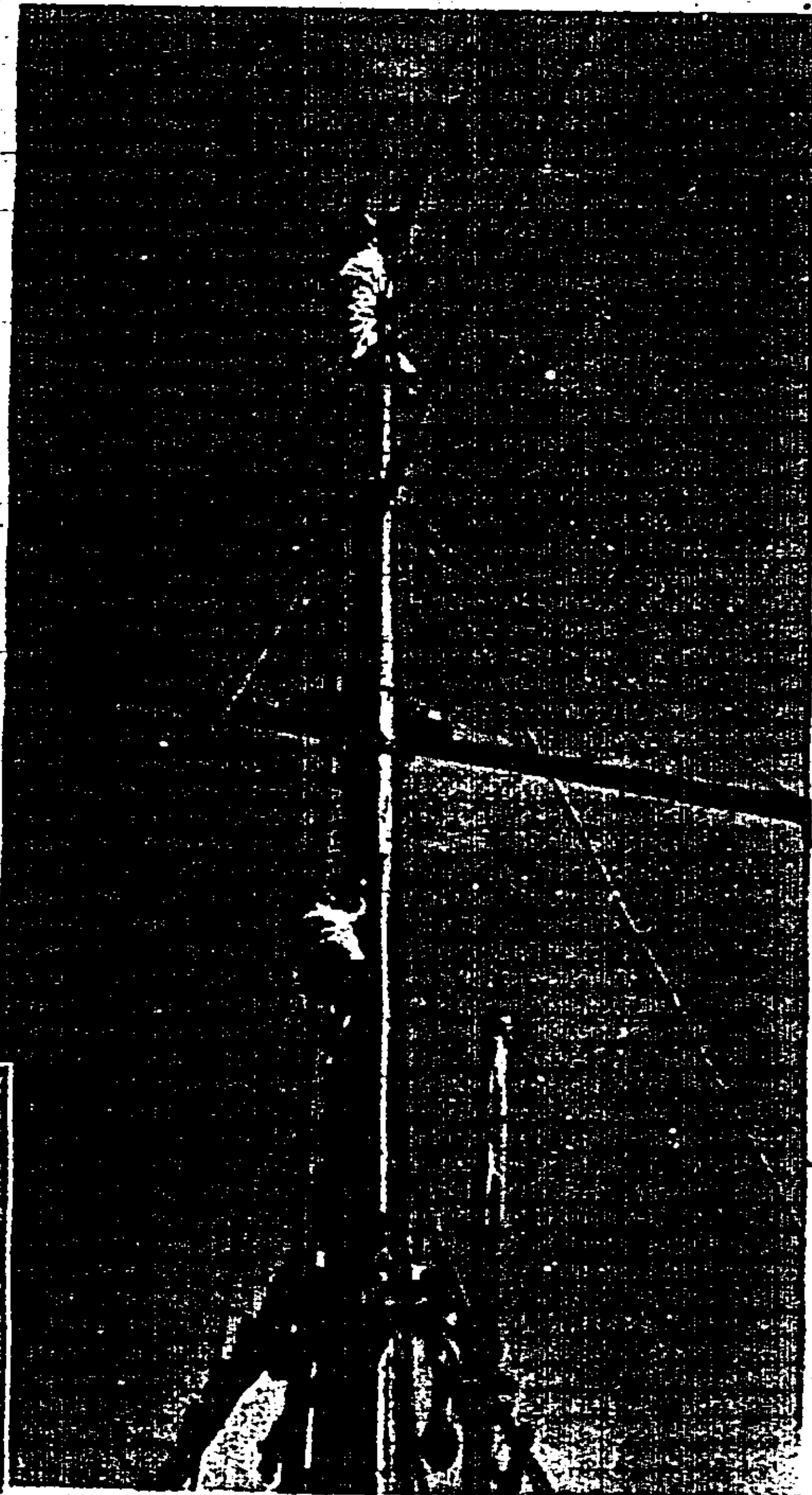
The rotation of a ship's engine is the heart-beat of Hong Kong's trade. Above, two ocean vessels are seen tied up at Kowloon Wharf, unloading cargo and passengers from the far corners of the earth. Below, ships are getting an overhaul at Taikeo Dockyards. ("China Mail" photo)





The Wen Hsing, Chinese owned river vessel, which recently came under fire by pirates near Ma Ning. ("China Mail" photo)

Doing his daily exercise—climbing a 35-foot high mast of the ss. Tai Po Shan—is five-year-old Harry, son of the ship's master, Captain Durup. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. R. Bander after their recent marriage at St. Margaret's Church. ("Ming Yuen" photo)

The happy couple cutting their wedding cake are Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Remedios. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Remedios shown after their wedding at Rosary Church last week. ("China Mail" photo)





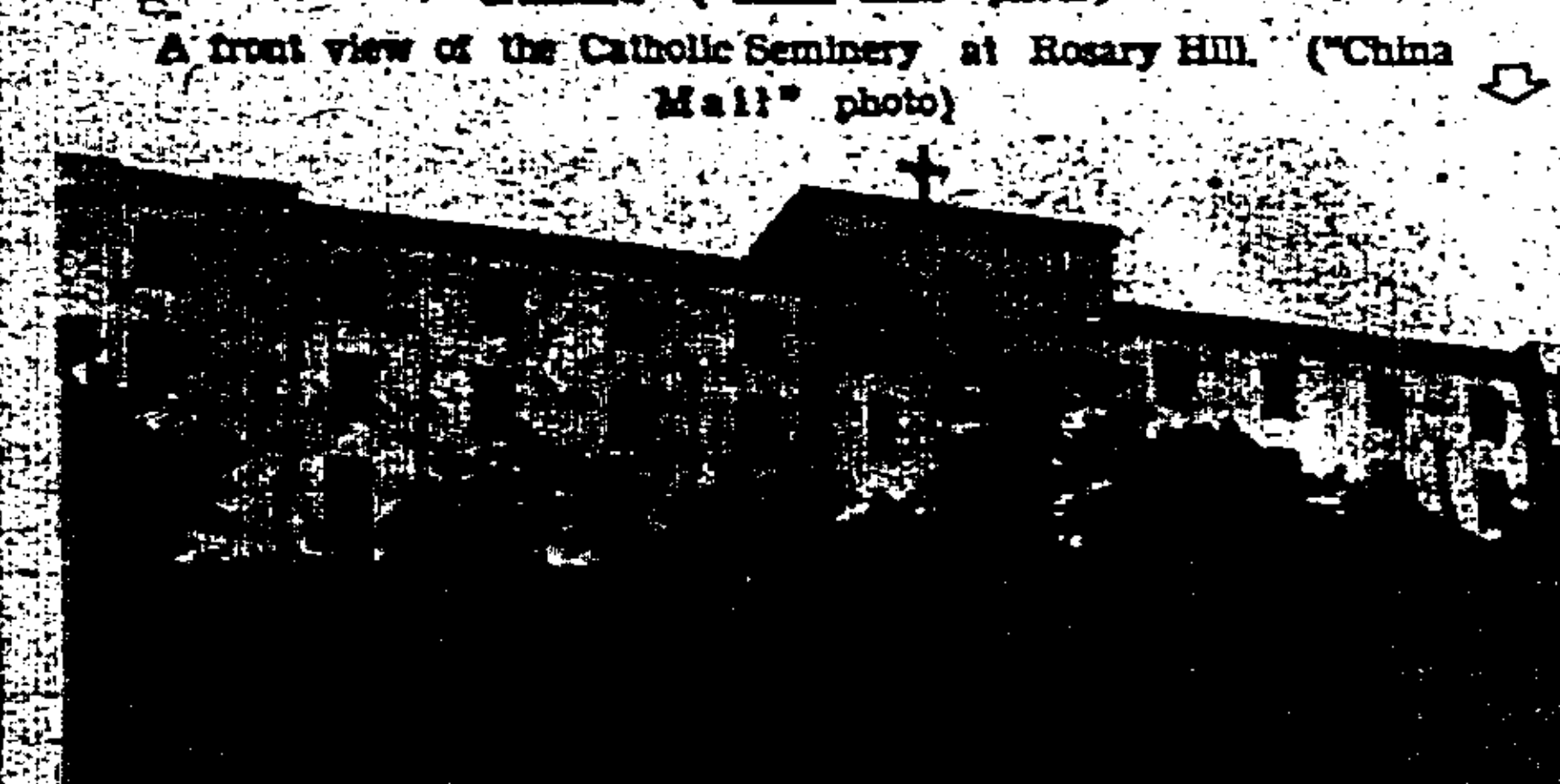
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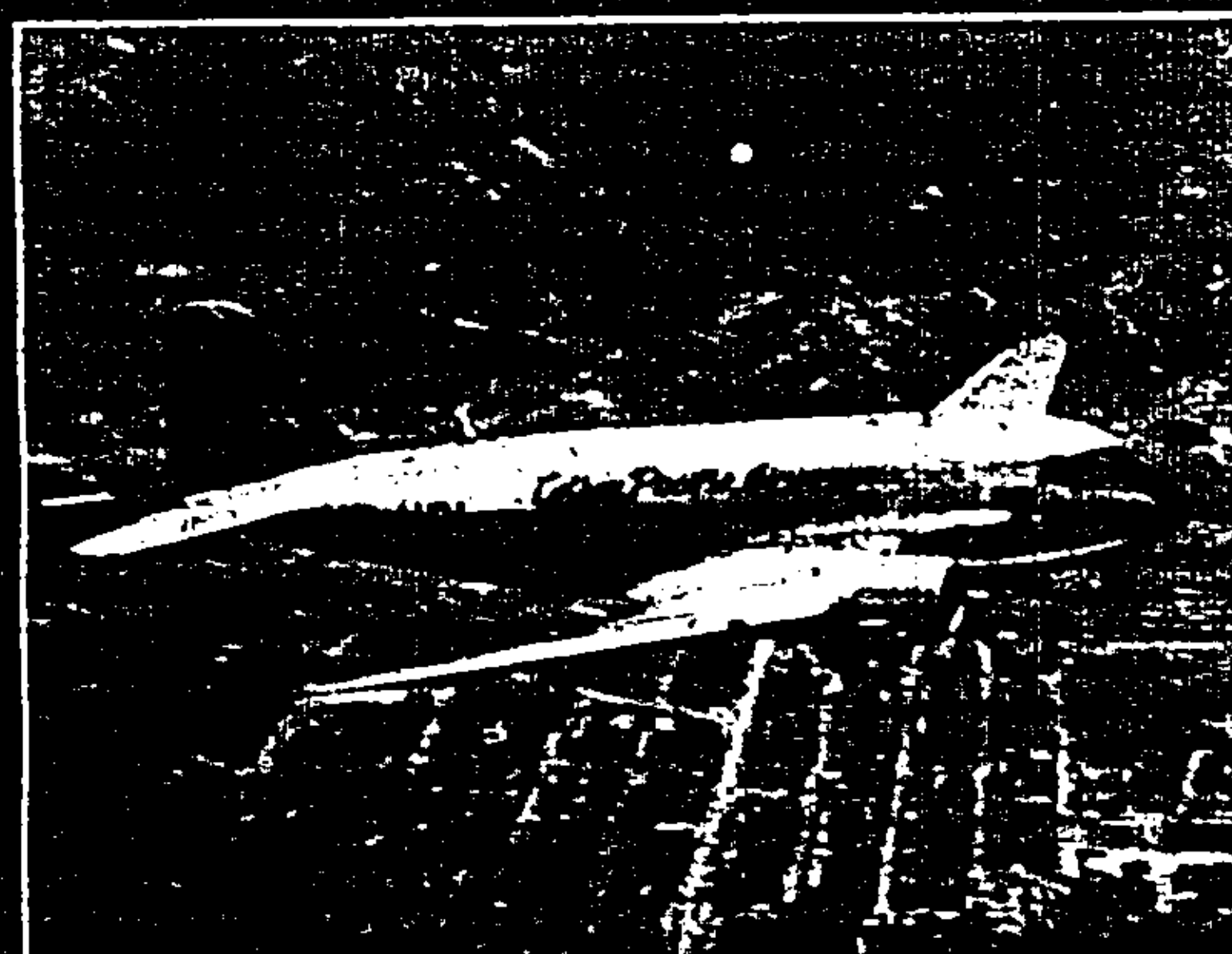
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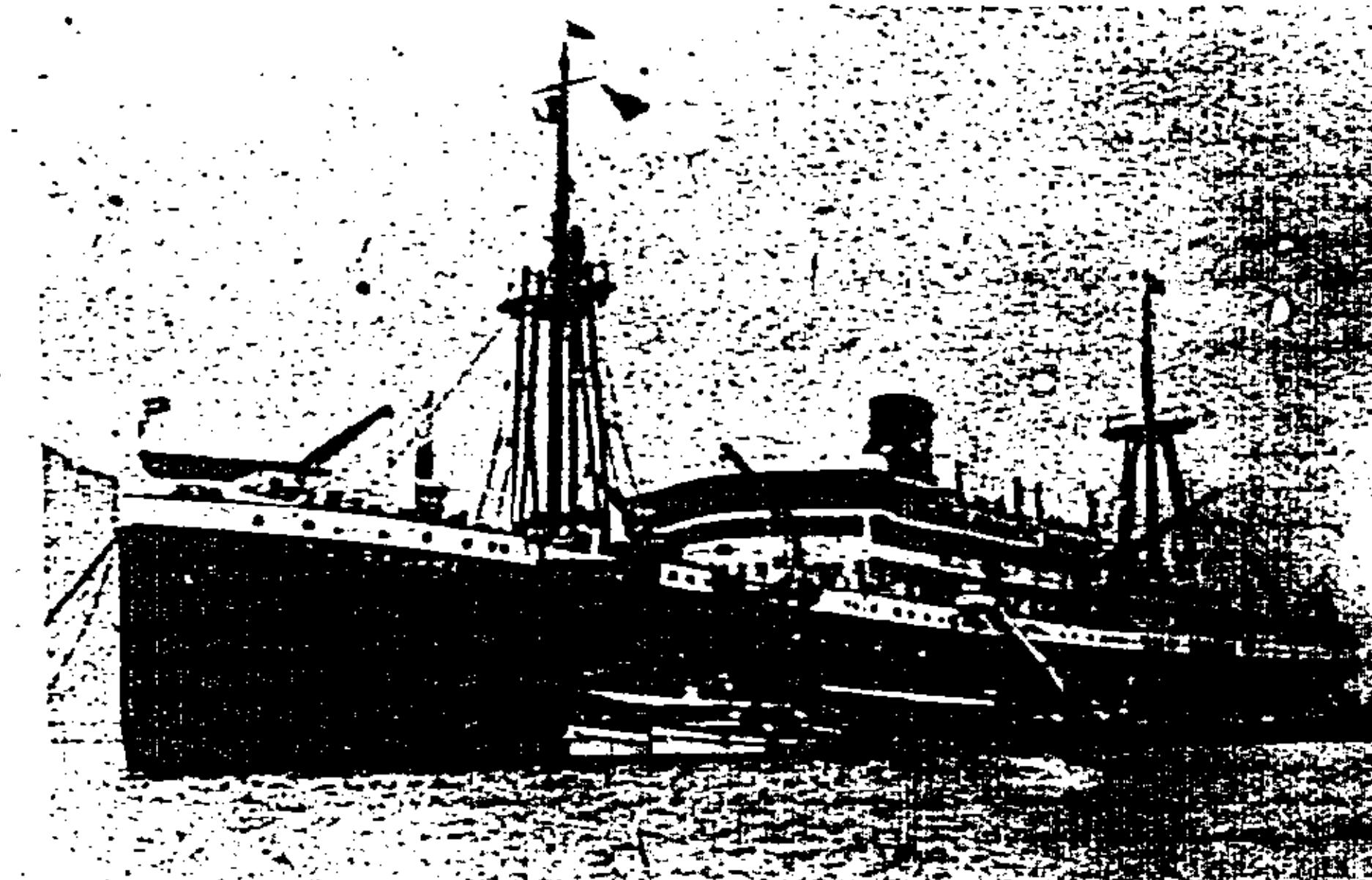
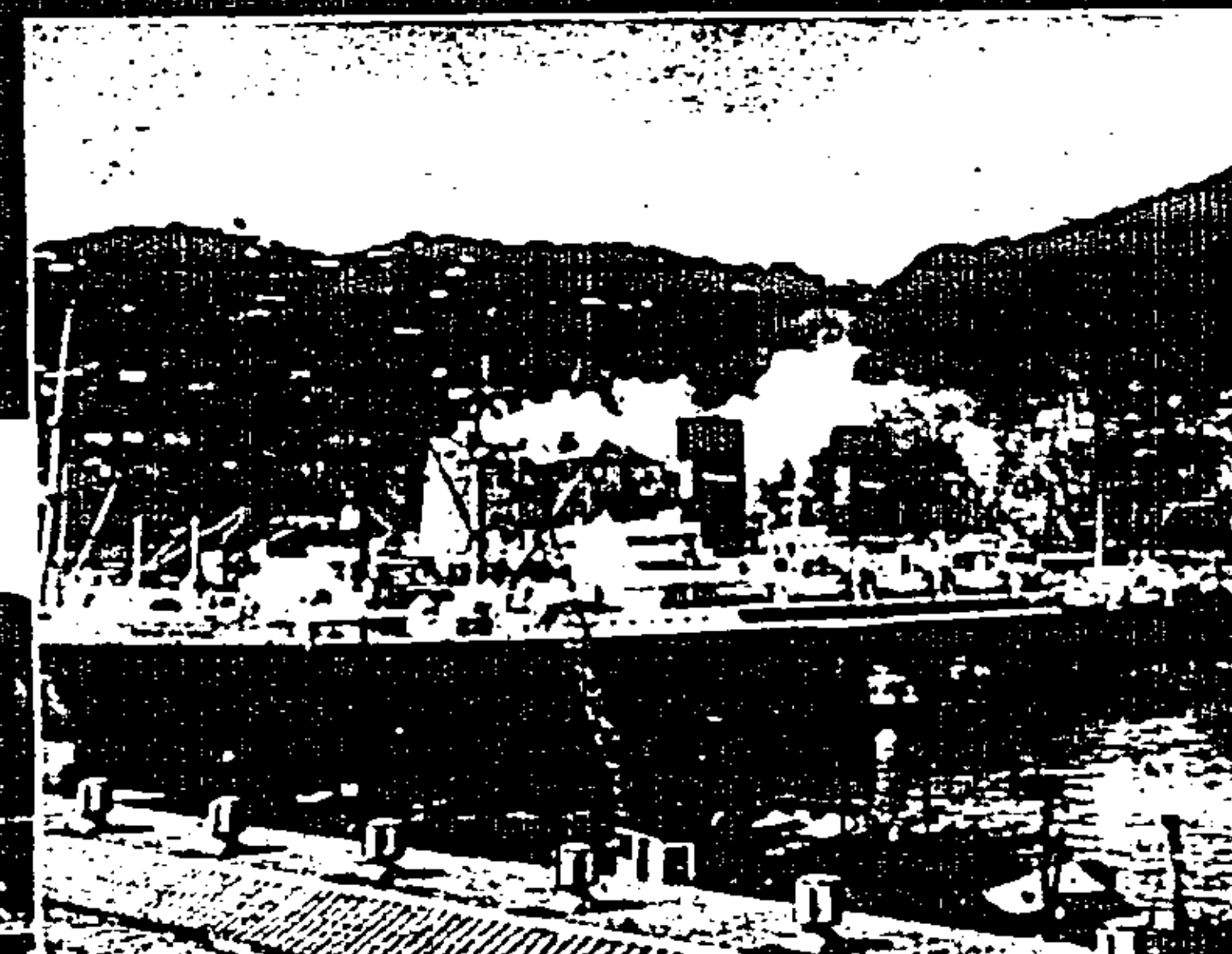
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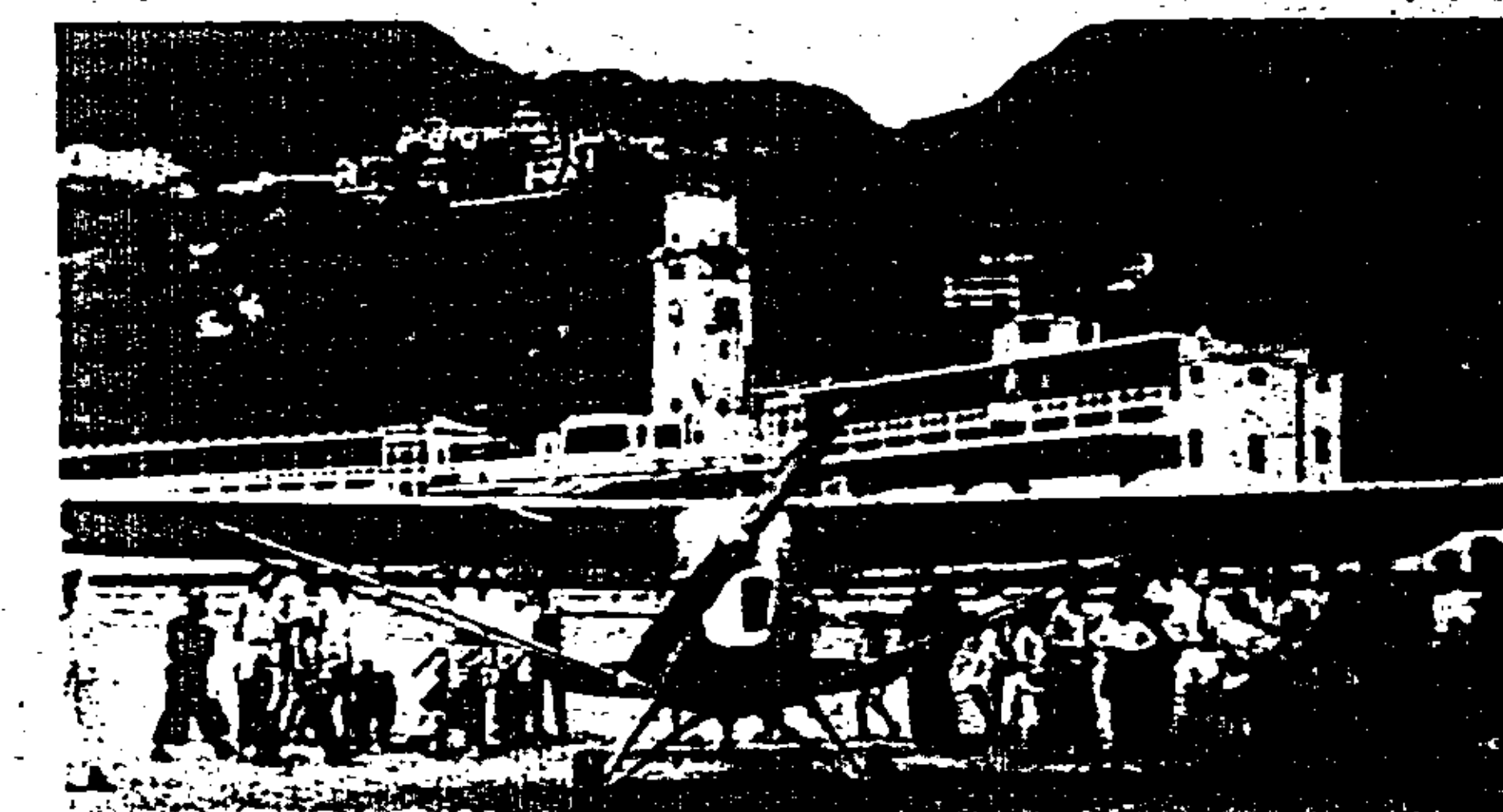
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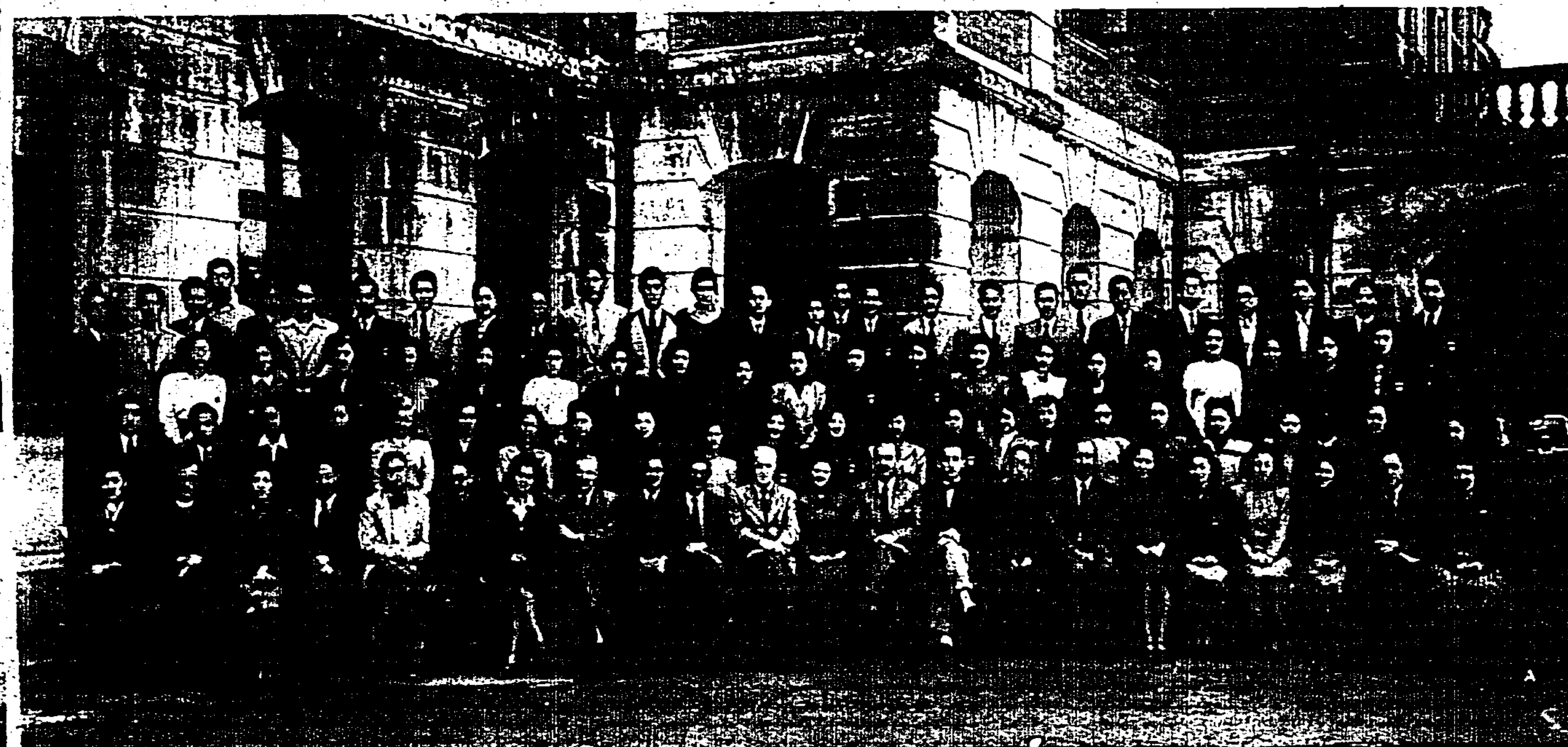
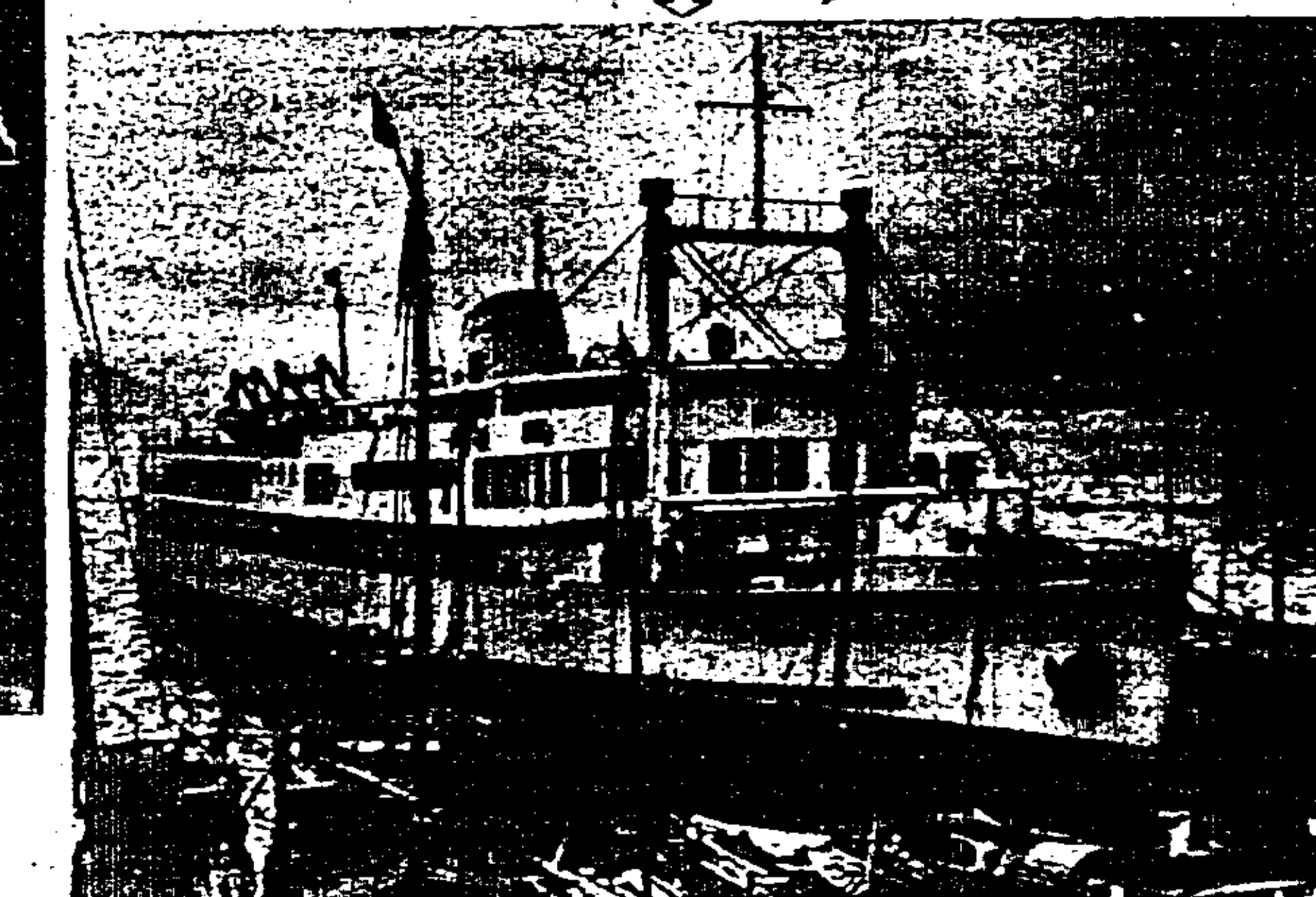


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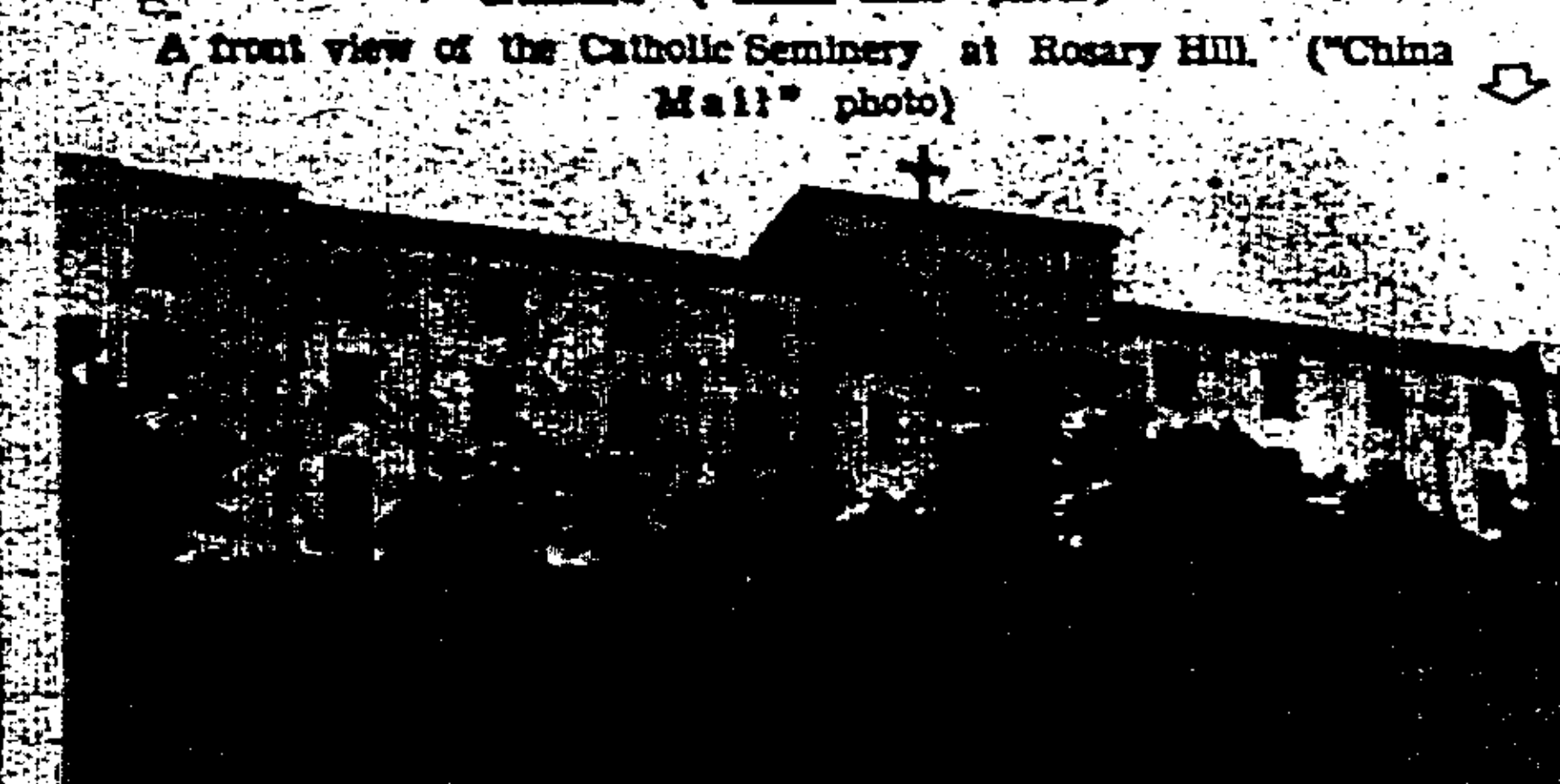
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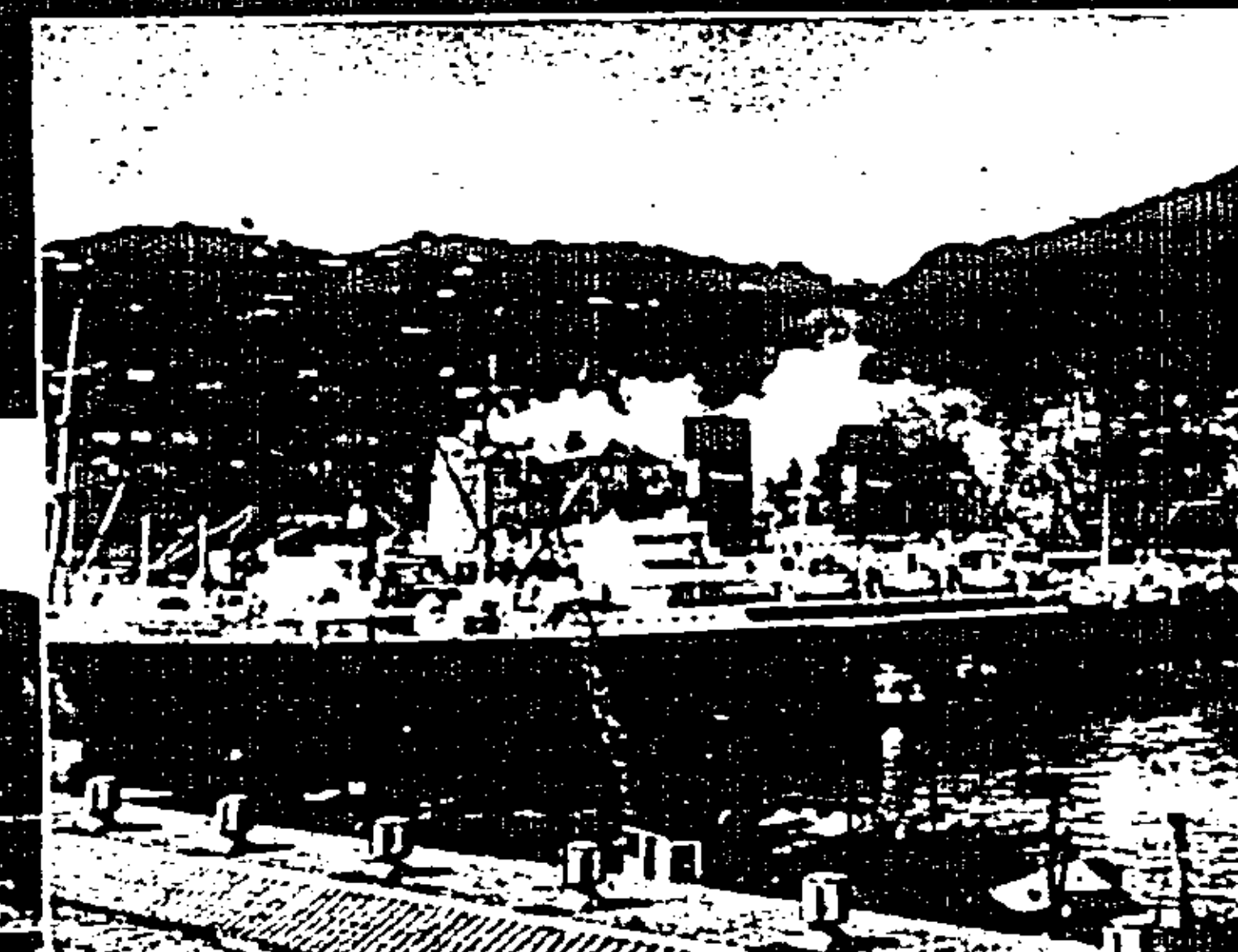
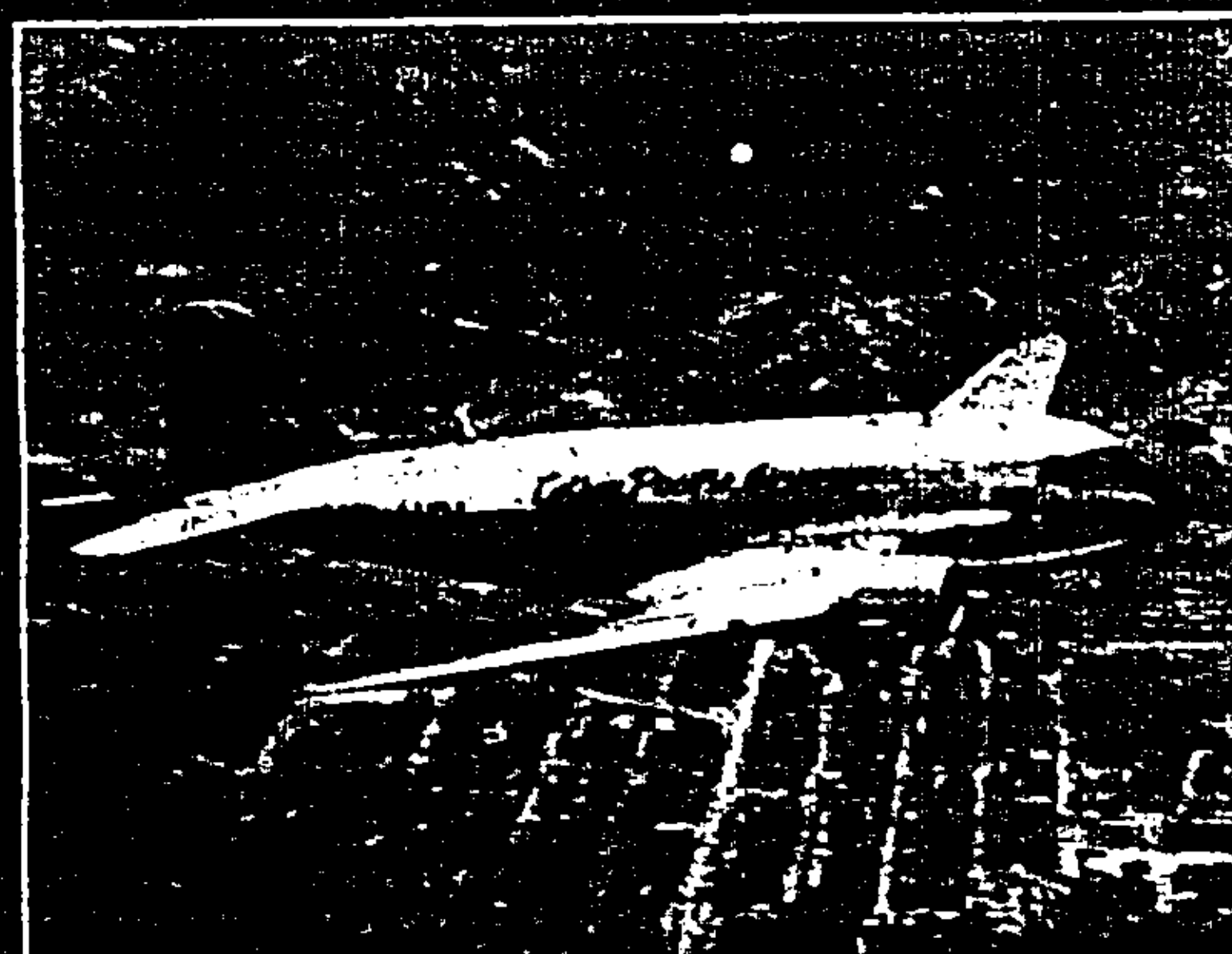
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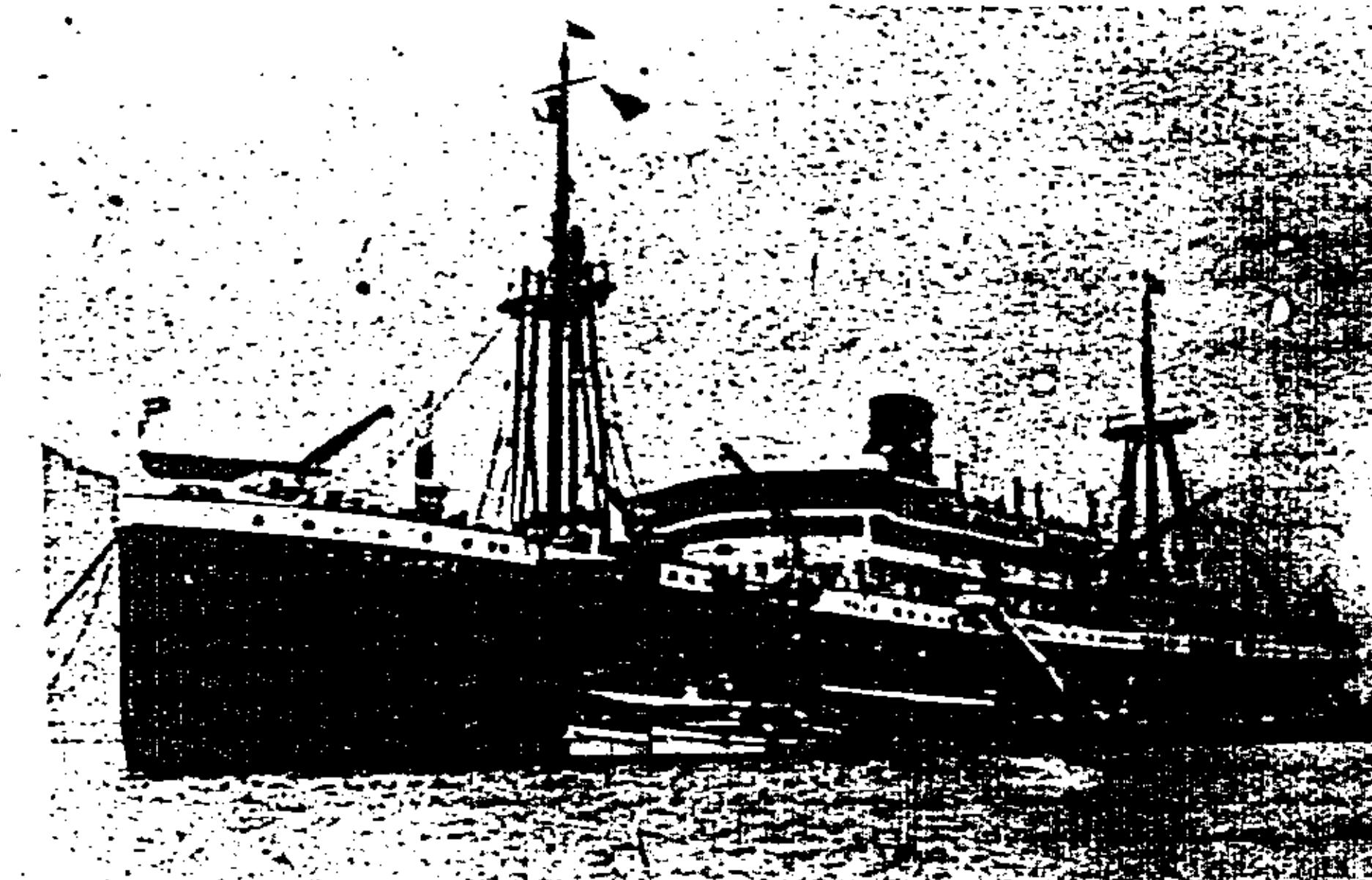
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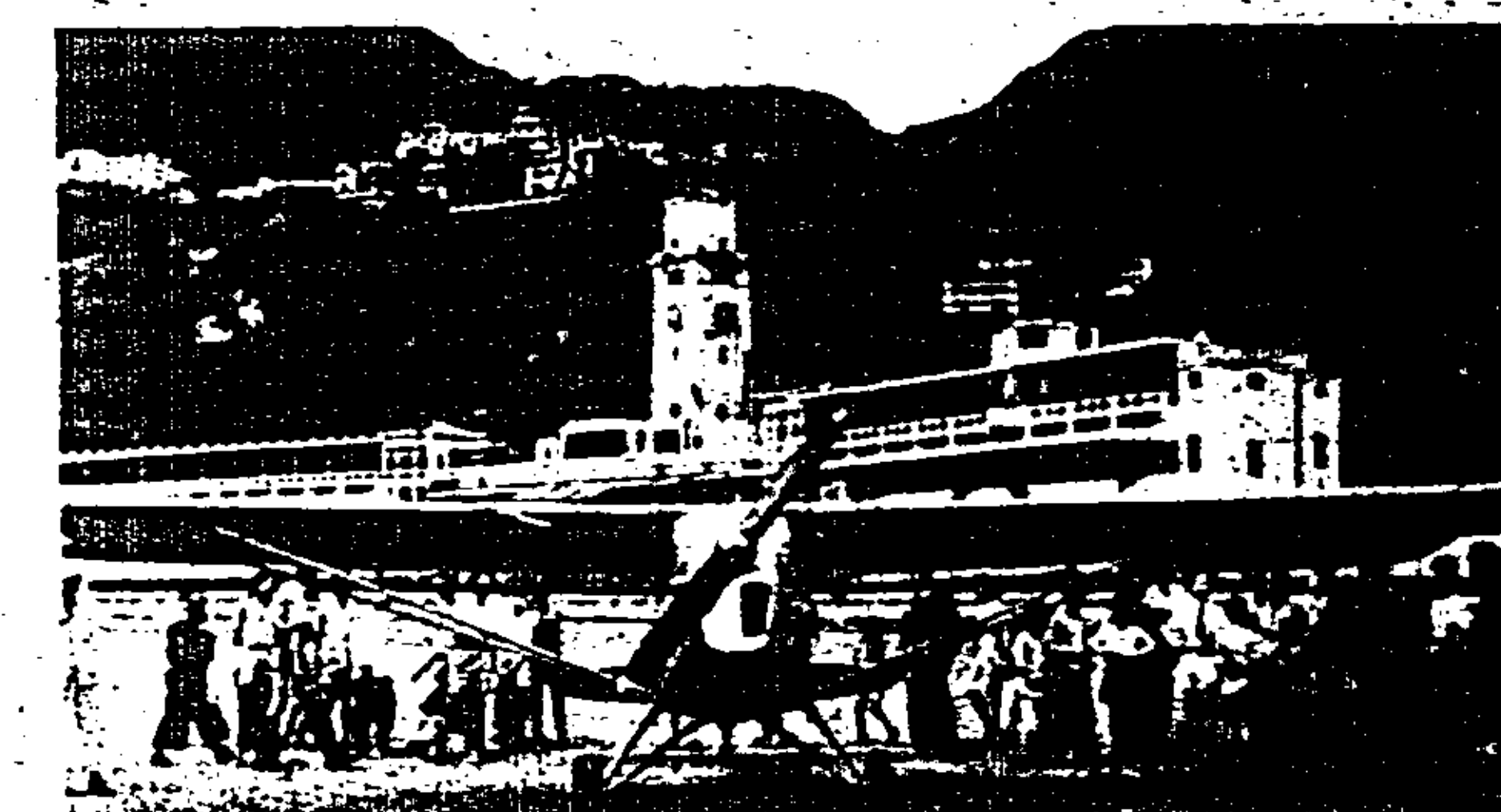
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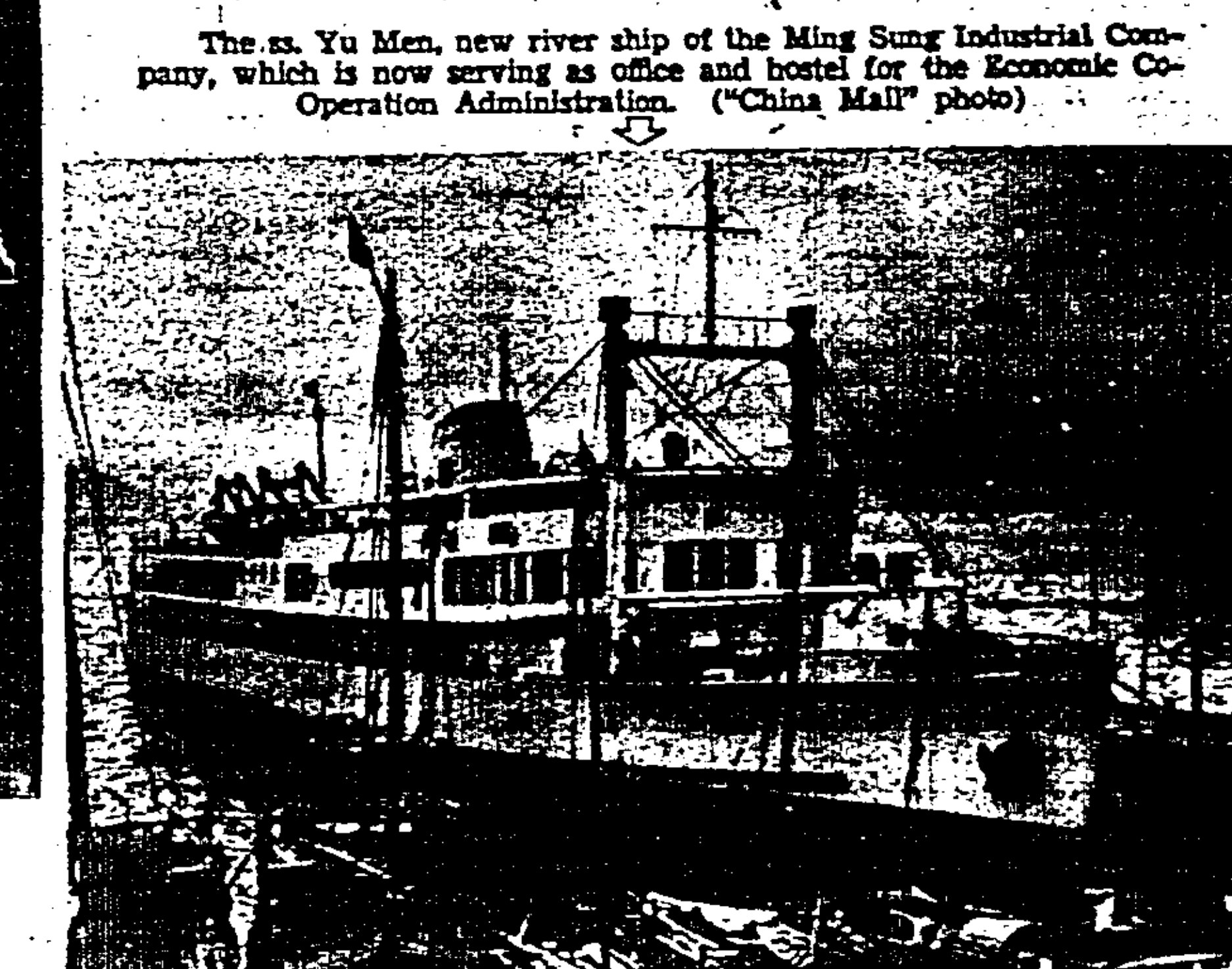
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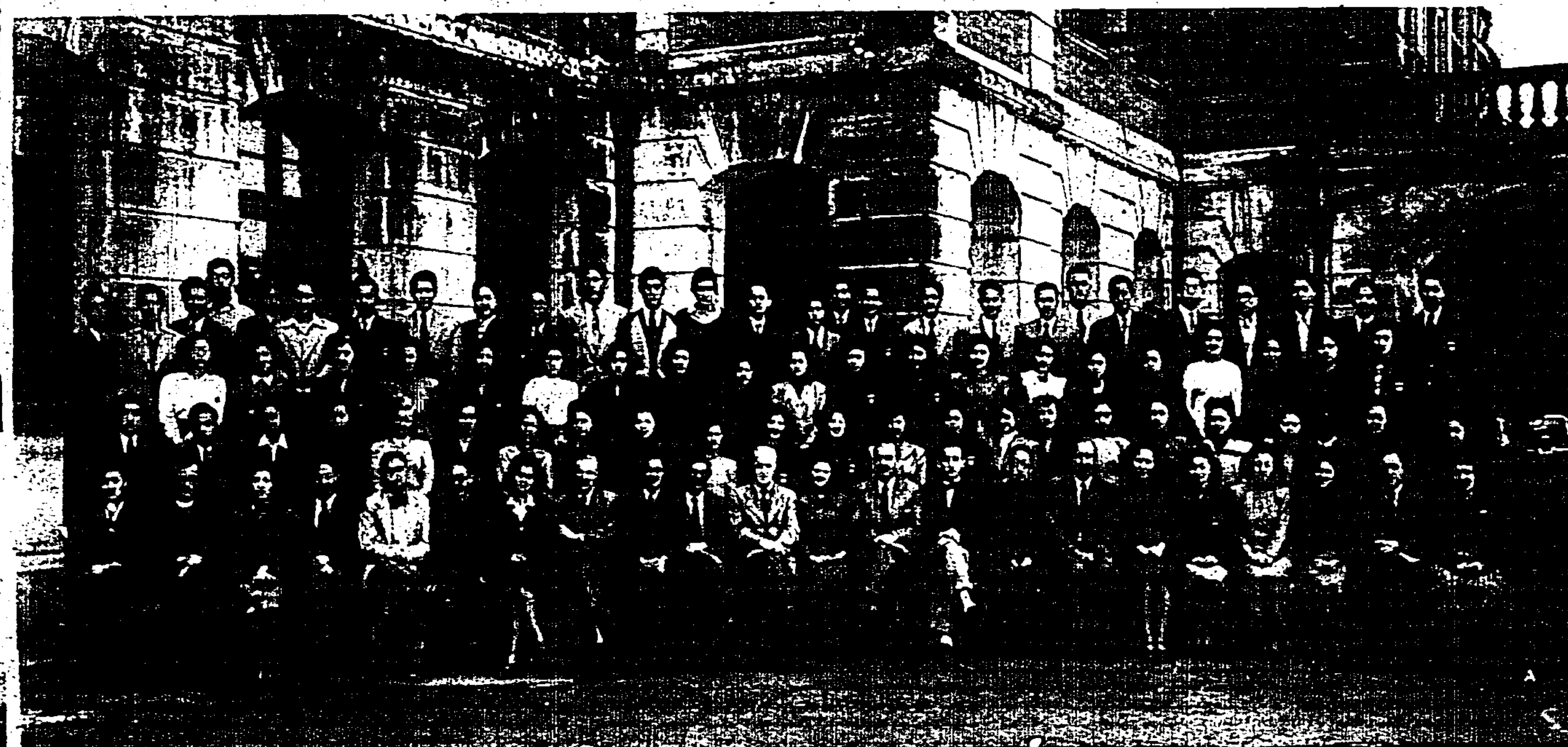
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Search For Korean Freedom Frightens Five Little Girls

By MCKENZIE PORTER

Seoul, June 28. The South Korean police are hunting for two more National Assemblymen accused of endangering national security, it was learned today. This search followed last week's arrests of seven legislators, including one of two presidents of the National Assembly, on the same charges.

Six of the seven assemblymen arrested previously had presented a petition to the United Nations Commission on Korea calling for removal of both the American and Soviet military missions from South and North Korea.

Three National Assembly members were arrested several weeks earlier on the same charges. Two of the latest Assemblymen to be charged with endangering national security are Suh Yong-kil and Shin Sang-kyun. It is understood formal warrants for their arrests had been issued by the Attorney-General's office.

Both these Assemblymen were outposts of the anti-administration "Young Progressives" group in the National Assembly. Most of the Assemblymen arrested last week also were members of this group, which has been sharply critical of President Syngman Rhee's policy.

If these two legislators are apprehended, it will bring to a total of 12 legislators who have been placed under arrest. The National Assembly has 200 members. Meanwhile, Major-General Chae Byung-duk, chief of the General Staff of the South Korean army, strongly stated the army was in no way connected with last Sunday's assassination of the aged Korean leader, Mr. Kim Koo. The 73-year-old political leader was shot by a field artillery lieutenant.

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Shanghai's Price Trend Showing Signs Of Cracking

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The New China News Agency reported today that the former Nationalist 60th Army, which defected to the Communists last October during the battle for Changchun, capital of Manchuria, is en route to join General Lin Piao's armies for the South China drive.

Now known as the 50th Army of the People's Liberation forces, these troops recently took the oath of allegiance somewhere in Manchuria after completing three months of political training under the direction of the North East Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party, and the North East Military zone command of the People's Liberation Army.

General Tseng Tse-hun, former Nationalist Commander of the army, was unable to take part in the oath-taking ceremony owing to a severe attack of rheumatism, but later urged the officers of the unit at a conference to obey and support their new commander, General Lin Piao.

One of the most brilliant military leaders in the People's Liberation Army, General Lin Piao is last reported to be massing forces for a big push down the Canton-Hankow railway. Communist troop movements will be considerably facilitated from July 1 when through service on the Tientsin-Pukow railway will be resumed.

This will mean that among other things, for the first time in many years, railway travel will be possible all the way from Harbin in North Manchuria, to Shanghai via Feling, Tientsin and Peking, cutting the previous days when one could reach Europe from here by rail alone via Chinese lines and Russia's Trans-Siberian railway.

A special ceremony will be held at the Kwei River steel bridge near Peking, 110 miles North of Tientsin, to celebrate the re-

The 15-roomed house with its red roof, yellow brick walls and granite basement cost £12,000 sterling. It stands on a rocky acre surrounded by barbed-wire, 10 feet high.

This is the prison in which the Dionne Quintuplets celebrated their 15th anniversary last month. Just across the road stands a mouldering shack in which all five girls first saw the light on May 28, 1934—and drew the eyes of the world to the village of Callander, nestling among the lakes and forests of Northern Ontario.

A parking space for 100 cars is overgrown by weeds. Nearby is another building of brown logs with a green roof. It was through this that millions of tourists filed to see the frail, mowling babes whose simultaneous arrival made headlines from Medicine Hat in Canada to Oswego, Illinois to Timbuctoo.

Carnival Goes Today this last building has been stripped of its crowd-control barriers, glass protective screens and admission price placards behind which the human exhibits played.

Instead it contains desks and a blackboard and has been renamed Villa Notre Dame. Sister Superior Almeda des Anges, Sister Madeleine du Precieux Sang and other nuns have laboured here for five years to fill the gap in the Quins' education caused by their early life as freaks in a carnival which threw up tents around the Dionne dwelling two days after they were born.

What sort of a job the good Sisters of Assumption have made of Yvonne, Cecile, Annette, Emile and Marie is not widely known, for since Olivia Dionne, and his wife Elzire, regained the custody of their girls through an act of the Ontario Parliament in 1944, the fabulous five have been more closely cloistered than Moslem women in purdah.

When Papa Dionne elected the last trapeze artist, souvenir pamphlet of the through train service between Peking and Shanghai, on July 1, according to Chinese reports.

Reputable squads are said to have completed their task today of putting the Dionne Quintuplets along the Tientsin-Pukow railway—back into shape after Nationalist troops had demolished it on January 16, upon evacuating Peking.

A published Chinese report said that for a start, only one train will leave Peking and Shanghai every five days.—Reuter.

Nottinghamshire Take Big Lead

London, June 27.

On a day of many big scores, Nottinghamshire, lying joint 12th in the County Cricket Championship table, gave the leaders, Yorkshire, a hard day in the field and took a lead of nearly 200 runs for the loss of only three wickets.

Yorkshire's batsmen had shown inexplicable caution on Saturday, but runs came freely for Notts. W. Keeton was the chief builder of their big score, making 210 in nearly six and three-quarter hours at the wicket.

He gave no chance, hit 16 fours and shared in an opening stand with R. T. Simpson of 174 and in a third wicket partnership with Hardstaff of 260.

Middlesex, weakened by the absence of five of their players on Test duty, scored a good win in two days, over Somerset, but they had a nervous time before clinching the match. When Somerset lost six second innings wickets for 68, Middlesex seemed to have the points already won, but the last recovered unexpected fight. Tremlett and Angell set the example by making 61 for the seventh wicket and Wellard hit a six and three fours in his 27.

Earlier, Middlesex's last nine wickets had fallen in carrying the score from the overnight 21 to only 144, largely as a result of fine bowling by Wellard, who was admirably backed up in the field and took six for 61.

As a contrast to some big scores elsewhere, 24 wickets fell today in the match between Derbyshire and Lancashire for the addition of 265 runs.

Closing Scores

Close of play scores:
At Bath Middlesex beat Somerset by 30 runs. Middlesex 103 and 140 (Sharp 50, Wellard 6 for 63); Somerset 104 and 103.

At Tunbridge Wells: Sussex 482 for 9 declared; Kent 237 (B. Edrich 60, James 5 for 40) and 22 for one.

At Sheffield: Yorkshire 232; Nottinghamshire 438 for 3 (Keeton 210, Simpson 80, Hardstaff 132 not out).

At Guildford: Cambridge University 420 (Dunlop 87); Surrey 300 for 7 (Parker 84, Clark 50, Laker 65 not out).

At Buxton: Derbyshire 302 and 91 (Tattersall 6 for 39); Lancashire 193 and four runs for four wickets.

At Bournemouth: Oxford University 426 for 8 declared; Hampshire 397 for 8 (Dawson 64, Eager 118, Arnold 61 not out).

At Weymouth: Northamptonshire 404 for 9 declared and 64 for 1; Essex 493 (Doddie 102, Eve 60, P. Smith 110).

At Birmingham: Leicestershire 397 and 70 for no wickets; Warwickshire 84 (Waller 121, Dolley 107, Wallis 7 for 118).

At Dudley: Gloucestershire 337; Worcestershire 254 (Gr 8, 12, Cooper 129, Jenkins 76, Bird 65).

der and hotel merchant from his little estate, and called a halt to the bizarre rolisterings of tourism which made Callander a bedlam, he turned in his simple French-Canadian way to the Roman Catholic Church and asked the Sisters to give his children peace and a future.

Now all who wish to see the Quins must get permission from the Church, and that is not easily given. But intimates of the family say the little girls, though not pretty, are pleasant, and, though overwhelmed by shyness in the presence of strangers, are cheerful and bright among their half-dozen French-speaking schoolmates.

Sister Almeda des Anges, once said: "The Quins never talk about the past. They want to forget they were once a public spectacle."

"I could never bring myself to tell them that they were taken away from us to become a fair-ground attraction, and that we had to fight for years to get them back," said their father.

Ridicule Fear Dionne transformed their public nursery into a school and invited other girls from the outside world to share the Quins' education because he believed that sending them to an ordinary college would be unsafe for them physically and mentally.

There is always the danger that some crackpot might kidnap them, or that they would be so ridiculed by other children that they would lose their minds.

Three older sisters and two older brothers of the Quins are away for a boarding-school education for an afternoon, one of whom is only three, go to the ordinary village school.

Meanwhile their famous sisters are sequestered in the grounds of the estate in which several savage Great Danes are kept. Dionne has left the Quins district fewer than six times. On one visit to Toronto they saw the King and Queen.

Whenever they travel as a group they have a police escort. The Quins are mildly talented at music, drawing and needlework. They are up to standard for their age in reading, writing and arithmetic. They are fond of films, especially musicals, but rarely go to a cinema.

The latest pictures are brought to the projector in their own basement. Once Papa Dionne took them for an afternoon outing to North Bay, about eight miles away. But the crowds following them through the streets ruined their day.

Occasionally, father or mother takes one of the Quins out and generally they pass unnoticed.

From Rags To Riches While the whole family hated the ballyho which attended the Quins' early life they are not unthankful for the fact that this very factor raised them from poverty to riches.

By endorsing advertisements, charging visitors to peep at them, and getting copyright fees for published photographs, the Quins raised for themselves an estate worth around £250,000. The fund is now administered by the Church, under safeguards specified by the Act of Parliament.

Papa Dionne is rebuked if he spends too much. He would like a landscape garden in the bleak grounds of the Dionne home, but does not think it fair to ask for the £2,500 which it would cost.

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Chakana (Jardine) from London, 10.00
 Hedrich (H. & B) from Kobe, 10.00
 Hedrich (H. & B) from Kobe, 10.00
 Hedrich (H. & B) from Kobe, 10.00

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Castville (Bank) for Singapore, 8.07
 City of Sydney (Bank) for Kuching, 8.07
 Kuching (Bank) (H. & B) for Kuching, 8.07
 Hedrich (Bank) (H. & B) for Kuching, 8.07
 Hedrich (Bank) (H. & B) for Kuching, 8.07
 Hedrich (Bank) (H. & B) for Kuching, 8.07

TODAY

Francisville (Bank) for San Francisco, 10.00
 Hedrich (H. & B) from Kobe, 10.00
 Hedrich (H. & B) from Kobe, 10.00
 Hedrich (H. & B) from Kobe, 10.00

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